A Europe Marching to Bonn's Tune On Currency

Monetary Leadership Assured by Acceptance Of New 'Stability Pact'

> By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

PARIS - In a matter of days, new German conditions likely to determine Europe's economic policy choices into the next century have been laid out — and accepted by much of the European Union. with only the barest public debate.

Indeed, both France and the European

Commission have agreed in recent days to German demands for tough new restrictions on economic policy that would govem the actions of any nation taking part in European single currency. Under current plans, those nations qualifying are to come together in a monetary union beginning in 1999 and taking final effect by 2002.

In making its wishes clear to all, and in also seeking ways to punish governments

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even after monetary union, Bonn has flexed its muscles. And with instant suc-

As a result, and whether monetary union begins sooner or later than planned, the German government has in effect called the shots that will determine the shape of much of Europe's economic and political destiny well past the millenium. (Page 15)

The new restrictive terms, proposed last weekend by the German finance minister, Theo Waigel, and endorsed by the Bundesbank, include a demand that singlecurrency member nations eventually go beyond the precondition of keeping annual budget deficits to just 3 percent of their gross domestic product.

quire EMU members to aim for a budget deficit of just 1 percentage point of GDP in periods of economic growth.

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that fail to keep a very tight fiscal policy Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, after arriving in Japan on Tuesday to attend the APEC meeting.

U.S. Budget Battle Conceals Real Issue

Republicans and Clinton Dueling Over Balance by 2002

By John E. Yang and Ann Devroy Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - For all the vitriol. all the finger-pointing and all the carefully Instead, Mr. Waigel's so-called stability staged photogenic events, the current bickpact would take Europe well beyond the ering between the White House and Capi-Maastricht treaty on integration and re- tol Hill has very little to do with the actual bills in question.

The real issue is not Medicare premiums, temporary approval to spend government money or even the government

For congressional Republican leaders, negotiate a deal on their terms to wipe out the deficit in seven years. They hope to use

his current intransigence to help build their come over budget reconciliation, the bill case that the president does not really want that will set out the budget structure for to balance the budget at all.

'The president has shown no willingness — zero willingness — to get to a balanced budget," the speaker of the House. Newt Gingrich, said Monday

But to the White House, concessions now on interim spending levels to keep the

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sent 800,000 workers home Tuesday in the cuts, however temporary, would mark a especially those in the House, the goal is getting President Bill Clinton to the table to getting President Bill Clinton to the table to necessary to lay the rhetorical and policy groundwork for the much bigger battle to

years to come.

As the White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, put it, agreeing to the provisions of the "continuing resolution" passed Monday by the Senate to fund the government for two weeks until something else can be done would risk establishing a 'Clinton baseline.'

While focusing their public anger on the bill's increases in Medicare premiums.

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ni prepared a decree that the far-right

and immediately ousted

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Asia Backs Away From Free Trade

Japan Police Nail Down **Security Lid**

By Kevin Sullivan

TOKYO - Like most carpenters. Noboru Sasamori occasionally uses a nail-gun. But while President Bill Clinton is in Japan, that power tool will be locked up, and if Mr. Sasamori drives any spikes, he will use an oldfashioned hammer.

The police sent letters to all 40,000 registered nail-gun owners in the country, asking them to "try their best" to keep the tools at home during the economic summit meeting in Osaka this week and Mr. Clinton's state visit to Tokyo.

The police department's direct-mail campaign is part of a \$40 million security blitz that has a flavor and fervor

peculiarly Japanese.

Policemen personally visited the homes of 1,500 motorcycle gang members and asked them to behave themselves this week. They rousted noodle vendors and searched sewers.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meetings will be held in Osaka Castle, parts of which date to the 16th century. Policemen painstakingly rappelled down the castle's great stone walls checking for terrorist bombs. They dredged the moat, twice.

Only a few top policemen in Japan are expert marksmen, so 1,200 policemen fired thousands of rounds in recent months on target practice. The crash course included evasive driving

and conversational English.

In all, 25,000 policemen will be on duty. That's 10 percent of the nation's police force, and two and a half of-ficers to guard each of the 10,000 guests expected.

The assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has caused the police to ratchet up security measures that were already unusually high because of domestic concerns. The Japanese have lingering anxiety about the Aum religious cult, which is charged in an attack on the Tokyo subways last March that killed 11 people and in-jured 5,000 more. At least five Aum

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Protectionism Deals Blow to U.S. Objective

By Michael Richardson

OSAKA, Japan - Under pressure from protectionist interests at home, countries in Asia and the Pacific are retreating from a plan to turn the region into the world's largest free-trade area, officials said Tues-

day.

The shift is a blow to hopes of liberalizing global trade and marks a major trade set-back for the United States, analysts said. The retreat from the plan by APEC, the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation fo-

rum, to abolish barriers to the free flow of goods, services and capital is evident in a draft declaration of APEC leaders. The draft, a copy of which was obtained Tuesday by the International Herald Tribune, makes no mention of free trade or the

target dates for achieving it. Previously, APEC had set target dates of between 2010 and 2020.
Instead, the draft says that APEC "will achieve trade and investment liberalization

steadily and progressively. The document will be discussed by APEC foreign and trade ministers Thursday and Friday, before being passed to leaders of the group on Sunday for final

approval. The draft, which was prepared by Japan, the current leader of the 18-member group, is apparently an effort to paper over a dispute that has arisen within APEC.

APEC economies, driven by the strong performance of East Asia in recent years, account for 59 percent of world output and nearly 47 percent of global trade, a recent

Australian government study shows.
Several APEC members, including the
United States, Australia, Canada, Singapore and Hong Kong — all economies with
relatively low tariffs — maintain that this
rade growth can been be sustained by a trade growth can best be sustained by a region-wide commitment to deregulation.

But other APEC countries, among them Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia and the Philippines, are refusing to allow decisions on tariff reductions for agriculture and other sensitive sectors of their economies, which could throw large n bers of people out of work, to be dictated by an APEC liberalization agreement.

"How can developing countries be expected to deregulate weak domestic industries?" said Shi Min, head of China's Asia-Africa Development Research Insti-

tute in Beijing.
The United States has strongly backed free trade within APEC as an assured way of opening markets in East Asia and reducing its huge trade surplus with the re-

gion, especially Japan and China.

American officials said they would consider compromise wording in the APEC trade plan that would allow members with sensitive economic sectors some flexibility in removing trade barriers, provided that be accomplished by the previously agreed target dates of 2010 and 2020.

But Japan is reportedly proposing that the group accept the principle of flexibility without attaching any deadlines.

The content and tone of the new draft are

significantly different from the 1994 declaration made by the leaders in Bogor, Indonesia. Then, APEC members said they were committed to achieve "free and open trade and investment" in the Asia-Pacific region by 2010 for developed economies and "no later than" 2020 for developing

Under APEC consensus rules, the group can only act if there is no strong opposition from any member. China this week described APEC's free-trade plan as unre-alistic, while Malaysia said it was non-

binding.
Evidently realizing that they must make concessions, APEC members that want a stronger liberalization accord are seeking

to put a positive gloss on the retreat.

They also are backing away from earlier warnings that the group could break up because of disagreements over a number of contentious issues, including lowering barriers to trade in sensitive areas.

Gareth Evans, Australia's foreign minister who will arrive in Osaka on Wednesday to take part in the APEC meetings, said in Sydney on Tuesday that there was "a reasonable basis for optimism" that agriculture would be included in APEC trade

Boeing, Outpacing Airbus, Gets World's Biggest Order

SINGAPORE - Singapore Airlines dustrie. Ltd., even-handed in the past with business for Boeing Co. and rival Airbus Industrie, ordered as many as 77 Boeing jets worth \$12.7 billion Tuesday but gave Airbus

The Boeing order is the biggest com-mercial-aircraft order ever in dollar terms, said Borge Boeskov. Boeing's vice president of product strategy. Boeing's 777 was favored in the bidding against the Airbus 330, but the size of the

order came as a surprise. Officials at the airline had earlier hinted only that the order would be for "at least" 33 medium-size. medium-range planes. In another syntise, Singapore Airlines selected Rolls-Reice's Trent engines from

Britain to power the 61 Boeing 777s intended for its own fleet, which has used mostly American-made Praft & Whitney engines. Rolls-Royce said the order is its biggest ever, and could be worth \$1.8 bil-

The new planes will be used mostly on busy Asian routes, where older Airbus 310s are too small for the growing traffic, said the Singapore carrier's managing director, Cheong Choong Kong.

777s from Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways and Japan's All-Nippon Airways. The Sin-gapore purchase appears to be a coup for and MTU, which is part of Daimler-Benz the Seattle manufacturer in its competition. Aerospace. with Airhus Industrie, the four-nation European consortium based in Toulouse, France, for customers in Asia.

We're of course disappointed that the announcement was not in our favor," said

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Sean Lee, a spokesman for Airbus In-

The Singapore carrier said that 34 of the orders for the 777 aircraft were firm and that 43 were options, with the aircraft scheduled

for delivery between 1997 and 2004.

At a news conference, Mr. Cheong said that a principal reason for choosing the Boeing 777 was its size, which offers the potential for increased profits. "The Boe-ing 777 is larger than the Airbus 330 by 10

percent on average," he said.

The airline, which picked the 777 after seven months of study, was persuaded in part because Boeing offers related models of the same plane, Mr. Cheong said. Singapore Airlines has the right to choose models like the long-range 777-100 or the 777-300, a 350-seat stretched version of the basic 777-200, which has about 300

The 777-100 is of particular interest because it could fly nonstop between Singapore and Los Angeles, Mr. Cheong

Other European companies that will benefit from the order through work for Boeing are Smiths Industries PLC of Britain, which makes avionics; Sicma Aero Seat SA in France, which makes seats: Bucing already has orders in Asia for its
France's Sogerma SA, a maker of airplane
To from Cathay Pacific, Thai Airways
galleys; General Electric Co. PLC of

Italy Split Over Illegal Immigrants ROME (Reuters) — Italy was divided on Tuesday over the issue of illegal im-migrants as Prime Minister Lamberto Di-

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U.S. Officials Join

(Bluomberg, AP, Reuters)

condemned as weak, while the Roman Catholic Church urged tolerance. Mr. Dini's decree, which he has said will swiftly expel non-EU citizens who commit crimes, is the top item on the agenda of a cabinet meeting set for Thursday.

Saudis in Bomb Probe

RIYADH (AP) --- A dozen U.S. investigators joined hundreds of Saudi colleagues Tuesday, lifting tangled metal and other debris left by the bomb that destroyed a U.S.-run military training center. Five Americans and a Filipino were killed and 60 people wounded in the blast Monday. A seventh person died Tuesday from wounds.

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U.K. Blocks EU on Defense Group

Official estimates put the number of illegal immigrants in Italy at about The far-right National Alliance said that Italy was too benevolent compared with its European neighbors and demanded that all illegal immigrants be arrested "We're asking for all those who enter Italy illegally to be expelled," said Mau-rizio Gasparri, a National Alliance member of the Chamber of Deputies. "We hope that will be included in the decree. If it is not, we will seek to get it changed when it goes to Parliament." Center-left parties said they opposed summary expulsions. Page 6.

A woman going home with a pane of glass as normality resumes in Sarajevo. Peace talk efforts were made to end a standoff on land. Page 7.

Alienation and Anger of Native Arabs Alarm French Authorities

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Now or Never for Balkan Peace Talks

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By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - Rachid Fecih has always felt like a stranger. Born and raised in France, the 30-year-old son of Algerian immigrants belongs to a lost generation of North Africans who have never been accepted by French society and have never felt any links to their ancestral lands.

As he discussed the situation with several friends in a seedy cafe on the outskirts of Paris, not far from the bleak suburban ghetto that he and many im-migrants call home, Mr. Fecih's friendly, easygoing demounor hardened into a look of cold hate and

There are millions of us who feel excluded and

get some respect. There is so much disgust around here that one day the authorities will wake up and find they are fighting a civil war."

In recent weeks, the resentment felt by Mr. Fecih Arab youths. and other young North Africans has exploded in spasms of rage and violence across France. The rioting, shooting and looting that erupted around Paris, Lyon and Strasbourg stunned French policemen and politicians.

The immediate trigger for the violence was the shooting of Khaled Kelkal, 25, an Algerian immigrant accused of involvement in terrorist attacks here that the government believes were orchestrated by Islamic radicals in Algeria battling to overthrow the street. I think the police wanted to teach us all a

unwanted," he said. "A lot of us think since we have—their country's military-backed government. A wave—lesson. But what they don't realize is that this crack-nothing to lose, we might as well turn to violence to—of bombings in France has killed seven people and—down just breeds more hate and more violence." wounded more than 170 since July, prompting the deployment of more than 40,000 police and soldiers in a security crackdown that has focused on many

Mr. Kelkal was hunted down and killed after being designated France's "most wanted criminal" when his fingerprints were found on an unexploded bomb near a high-speed rail line. A television cameraman accompanied the authorities during the final chase and Mr. Kelkal's death was broadcast on television.

"They never even gave him a chance," said Mustafa Saouli, 28, an unemployed mechanic. "They just shot him like a dog and let him lie there in

French investigators say they believe they cracked several important terrorist cells after arresting a suspected ringleader, Boualem Bensaid, a 28-year-old Algerian. They also persuaded the British police to arrest and hold for extradition another Algerian. Rachid Ramda, known as Abu Fares, who they think

may be the mastermind of the bombings. But one of the most troubling aspects of the investigation, French officials say, is the realization that anti-government Islamic militants in Algeria, a former French colony, have penetrated deeply into France's immigrant communities and recruited there

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Quebec's Separatists: 'We're Stronger Than Ever'

By Anne Swardson Washington Post Service

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HICOUTIMI, Quebec - Almost as soon as Marc-André Bedard, longtime leader of the separatist movement in this region, stepped out of the car into the snowy parking lot, the elderly, a well-dressed matron accosted him.

'We were close this time," she said with a big smile. "It won't be long."

It will continue," agreed Mr. Bedard, and kissed her on both cheeks before she went on

Old and young, rich and poor, they are almost all separatists up here. Along the Saguenay River, which branches off the St. Lawrence north of Quebec City, few are discouraged that Quebeckers narrowly voted last

week to stay in Canada. Instead, they point to the narrowness of the margin barely over 1 percent - and say it will add momentum to the separatist movement. Separatism is not defeat-

ed, they say; it is stronger than ever. The strength of their opinions shows that Canada is a long way from resolving the Quebec situ-

"It's a fundamental question of existence," said Mr. Bedard, 59. "Are we a people or are we not? If we are, we should be sovereign. We should be at the table with the international community. It's a society, it's a way of thinking, it's a history, it's a view of the future. It's not just a language." To many Americans, se-

ceding from a prosperous, developed country seems Ghislain Bouchard, a Quebec historian who remembers when English was dominant, with his daughter, Stephanie. unthinkable. Even English Canadians, who have lived with a restive Quebec for more than 30 years,

demonstrated before the Oct. 30 referendum that they do not fully understand what it is that separatist Quebeckers want.

Interviews here, the region of Quebec most committed to separation, with a pro-secession vote of more than 70 percent, reveal a point of view fundamentally at odds with the notion of a Canadian federation. How can Quebec ever be one of 10 equal provinces, they ask, when it is at heart a nation? Why not take the steps to nationhood, however daring, if that is its des-

'It's riskier to be a minority in another country than to be a majority in our own country," said Mr. Bedard's son and law partner, Stephane, 27, an organizer for the proseparation campaign during the referendum.

For some, separatist views are the product of a long history of oppression and poverty. A historian, Ghislain Bouchard, points out that

until about 30 years ago, English-speakers | controlled nearly all the businesses in Quebec and some of the political institutions. When his father, a skilled electrician, worked for the Saguenay Electric Co. in 1930, his boss spoke no French and used an interpreter to speak to the 99 percent of company employees who spoke little or no English.

"I can remember taking the train to Chicoutimi in 1950, and the railway conductors didn't speak a word of French, Mr. Bouchard said.

Things have changed since then, however. This industrial region, producer of paper, wood and aluminum, is almost entirely French-speaking — 97.5 percent of the 225,000 inhabitants are native speakers of French, according to census figures. The re-

gion's political and economic structure is run

Even though unemployment, at 14.2 per-

cent, is a bit higher than the average for Que-

bec, this is a modern economy. Separatists here

are as likely to be lawyers and professors as

his also is the home region of Lucien

Bouchard, who was born down the

road on the shores of Lac St. Jean. Mr.

Bouchard — no relation to Ghislain

- is the leader of the separatist party in the

Many local residents were disgusted by the

outpouring of affection, letters, faxes and mass

demonstrations across Canada immediately

before the referendum vote urging Quebeckers

Bouchard said over lunch at an inn over-

"It was a farce, shocking," Ghislain

House of Commons and is considering be-

they are farmers or union members.

coming premier of Quebec.

to vote no to separation.

looking the offshoot of the Saguenay known as the Baie des Ha!Ha! Added his daughter Stephanie, 26: "To come two days before the vote - it was way too late."

To separatists like these — or sovereignists, as they prefer to be called - Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, both native Frenchspeakers from Quebec who worked to retain Quebec in Canada, are collaborators. These sovereignists are not discouraged by the fact that 40 percent of Quebec's own Francophones voted against separation.

In their view, the people of Quebec have repeatedly made compromises to stay in Canada, by voting 60-40 against separation in a similar referendum in 1980 and by approving the Meech Lake package of constitutional reforms that failed to pass elsewhere in Canada this river valley, and others who have made trips say they don't see much reason to go

anywhere else.
"I went to Ottawa for one day; I saw it was rich, with our money," said Pascal Tremblay. 20, a student at the University of Quebec at

n an interview at the university, Mr. Tremblay and two other students argued passionately for Quebec independence. making informed points about the Canadian national debt and future budget cuts, the breakdown of the social consensus in Canada generally, whether an independent Quebec could use the Canadian dollar, and the perceived interference of other Canadians in the Quebec vote. But what also emerged was a deep desire for power over their own destiny.
"We now control our

own economy. shouldn't we control our country?" he asked.

To the students, and to adherents many sovereignty here, Quebec independence would unleash a torrent of creativity and productivity, more than compensating for any loss of subsidies and benefits from Ottawa, the capital.

Marcel Martel, the mayor of nearby Jonquiere, envisions a decentralized nation, with powers passed on by an enlightened government in Quebec City.

By its very definition, nationalism raises the question: nationalism for whom? Mr. Parizeau underlined the Achilles heel of sovereignty on referendum night, when he said the cause had been beaten by "money and the ethnic vote." In Montreal, he was widely criticized, by

in 1990. Now, they say, it is time for Quebec to | federalists but also by fellow separatists. Here, proponents of an independent Ouebec say their vision includes all Quebeckers, regardless of language. But there is also a feeling of homogeneity. When Lucien Bouchard says in his speeches, "We are a people," they know he is talking about them."

Mr. Parizeau "said too loud what everyone thinks," said Mr. Martel. "You can't say that in a democracy, but it's true. Unfortunately, it was interpreted as racist, but it's not. It's

Who is feeding Asia's people, building its roads and houses, putting up its phone lines and power stations? For the most part, it is not American or European multinationals but family conglomerates.

Seed Germinates After 1,200 Years

Ancient Lotuses Suggest Aging Can Be Slowed

Los Angeles Times Service promising insight into how to them. slow the aging process.

oldest known to germinate, scientists report. Should researchers discover the secrets of the lotus — a sacred plant that in Buddhism symbolizes purity and longevity - the benefits could span from hardier crop seeds to a skin cream that thwarts wrinkles.

"Life can be much longer than we ever expected, said Jane Shen-Miller, a UCLA plant physiologist and lead author of the research article that appears in the November issue the American Journal of

"We certainly have much to learn," she said, about how lo- not published until now. tus seeds "can survive 1,000 years of rest."

Ms. Shen-Miller acquired the Beijing Institute of Botany

Chinese botanists had unearthed the seeds several decades earlier from a dry lake bed in northeast China, near the border with Korea.

The following year, Ms. Shen-Miller soaked four of the seeds in water after filing off part of their hard outer husks to allow moisture to reach the youngest seed to Mr. Clarke, a partly dried-out centers. Each day, she peered at them.

Then on the fourth day, the lips started to open, and I saw a little green thing," Ms. Shen-Miller said. "It was overwhelming.

Shen-Miller's collaborators, ple to plants. the UCLA biochemist Steven Clarke, "It's almost as if you took a woman who's one or two enzyme was not there, then months pregnant, took the fe- you'd have to say 'There's tus, wrapped it up in a hard shell, and then threw it out into ry, "Mr. Clarke said. the environment for one year, 10 years, 50 years.

short as their hibernation was said.

long, however, "The moment I LOS ANGELES — After saw they have sprouted, I sleeping for 12 centuries at the burned them," Ms. Shenbottom of a Chinese lake, a Miller said. Carbon dating the lotus seed has sprouted under seedlings required drying them the care of a UCLA botanist. in a 100-degree oven, killing

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One seed turned out to be The seed is thought to be the 1,288 years old by the dating method. Even factoring in the imprecision of carbon dating give or take nearly 300 years -the seed had settled to the lake bottom centuries before Marco Polo reached China.

A second seedling grew from a 684-year-old seed, while a rain storm destroyed the third before it could be dated. The fourth seed, which failed to revive, was tested to be 755 years

were thought to be important, and Ms. Shen-Miller presented the results at a scientific meeting at the time, the research was

She returned to the remaining three seeds last year when a new dating technique allowed seven of the lotus seeds, which her to determine their ages from look like dark brown, peanut- a sliver of the outer conting, sized footballs, while visiting leaving the rest undamaged. Their ages: 95, 332 and 416 years old.

The 416-year-old one did not grow. The next-oldest seed did sprout and lived for nine months in Ms. Shen-Miller's courtyard, but because of her gardening inexperience, did not survive to flower a second year.

She gave the third and specialist on aging. His research has focused on an enzyme called MT --- short for Lisoapartyl methyltransferase that repairs kinks that periodically appear in strands of pro-teins. MT is present in most According to one of Ms. creatures, from bacteria to peo-

Mr. Clarke found the enzyme in the lotus seed as well. "If this something wrong with the sto-

More surprising, the enzyme also appeared as robust as that The seeds' revival was as found in modern day seeds, he

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Briton and Norwegian in '95 Rerun of Scott-Amundsen

By Steve Vogel

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - Two men, a Briton and a Norwegian, have begun separate threemonth treks across the bleak expanse of Antarctica, echoing sledge bearing every bit of food history while seeking to make and equipment he will need to

Roger Mear, 45, and Boerge Ousland, 33, veteran polar ex-

(2,800-kilometer) journey.
"It's the last unclaimed chalplorers, each launched his expedition in recent days, atney on earth," Mr. Ousland

stay alive during the 1,680-mile

tempting to become the first to said before his departure a few cross Antarctica alone and undays ago. "Everything else has supported. Traveling on foot been done."

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Scott and the Norwegian Roald

had the bitter experience of both had traveled about the coming upon tracks left by the same distance - roughly 35 to Norwegian expedition. On the 40 miles. return trip, Scott and his team perished in a blizzard just 11

Now, more than 80 years later, the British press has seized on Mr. Mear and Mr. Ousland as a British-Norwegian rematch; one newspaper, the In-

WINTER IN PARIS

Amundsen's team reached in the frozen Weddell Sea, the pole in December 1911, about 2,000 miles south of about a month ahead of Scott's. Chile. But bad weather slowed A day away from his goal, Scott Mr. Mear, and as of Sunday

stand on its own.

through North America."

the day after the vote.

"We have our own political point of view

much more than language," said Mr. Be-

dard as he and Stephane chain-smoked through

a long interview in their law office. "We resist,

The region is not 100 percent separatist,

though those who are not sometimes pay a

price. Aline Huni, a junior college teacher who

heads the local chapter of a pro-English-lan-

guage group called Alliance Quebec, said some of her students refused to even say hello

Like other regions of Quebec, this one has

ties to the outside world. It exports large quan-

tities of what it produces; it sends trade delegations to China, Morocco, Russia,

Venezuela. But many residents never leave

for instance, the current of the right running

If all goes as planned, somemiles (18 kilometers) from a them will be the first to cross the rapher who led a three-man continent alone and reach New Zealand's Scott Base on the Ross Sea. There is little margin for error, in the ruthless effort to ed by Scott. He also seems well minimize the loads they are carrying, each man has taken only enough food for 100 days.

and skis, with no dogs to pull sleds or aircraft to drop supplies, each man is hauling a 400-pound (180-kilogram) gian and English explorers of an earlier era — the 1911-1912 each other. Each plans a brutal sleds or aircraft to drop supplies, each man is hauling a 400-pound (180-kilogram) gian and English explorers of an earlier era — the 1911-1912 each other. Each plans a brutal sleds or aircraft to drop supplies, each man is hauling a 400-pound (180-kilogram) gian and English explorers of they are not likely to bump into each other. Each plans a brutal method at least neither one of us wants to be their updated positions carried delivered to the world wide Web between expeditions led by the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott and the Normagica Part of the pace, lugging his load at least neither of the pace, lugging his loa Mr. Ousland said, "It's such days later, each starting from a a long and difficult journey that different site on Berkner Island you can hardly call it a race." Last year, Mr. Ousland be-

came the first man to cross the North Pole alone and unsupported. It was a dangerous trip on an earlier Arctic venture, he had to shoot a charging polar bear with a .44 magnum pistol. Mr. Mear is an accomplished time in mid-February one of Himalayan guide and photog-

team on the first unsupported trip to the South Pole in 1985-1986, following the route chartbeen described as a "grumpy

enough food for 100 days.

In recent telephone interviews from Punta Arenas, duous journey? "Just being in the Antarctic is part of the rea-son," said Mr. Mear. "Having the continent to yourself for three months is part of it, and it's an opportunity to answer the question: Is it possible to go across Antarctica alone?"

The fact that both Mr. Mear the same time is partly coincidence, partly a result of steady advances in cold-climate insulation techniques and satellite

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daily on the World Wide Web (Mr. Ousland's address is http:/ /Nettvik.no/Ousland:

soloantarctica/). Neither man is carrying a radio — they are of little use in Antarctica because of magnetic storms - so neither will know until his journey ends if he was beaten across the continent.

Mear's is www.theplanet.net/

Compared with earlier Antarctic journeys, this one is 'not less dangerous.' said Mr. Mear. "The difference is if you mess up, the consequences are not as great."

Nonetheless, the challenges suited to solo travel, having facing both men on the unforgiving continent are immense. Both of them have a difficult journey ahead, because Antarctica is ruled by nature," said Anne Kershaw, who operates Adventure Network in Punta Arenas, the firm that flew both men to Antarctica. "No one, despite technology, can overcome that fact."

Three years ago, two Britons traveling the same transand Mr. Ousland have set off at Antarctic route together but with no other support hauled their sledges 1,384 miles to the Ross Ice Shelf before being airlifted off, suffering from severe frostbite and weight loss.

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Eurostar Unveils Expansion Plans

TRAVEL UPDATE

LONDON - The Channel Tunnel rail service linking the British capital with Paris and Brussels celebrated its first anniversary Tuesday with the announcement of 10 million additional seats planned for its second year.

Almost three million people have taken the train between London and Paris or London and Brussels since the first Eurostar service on Nov. 14, 1994, according to a spokesman for European Passenger Services.

Overnight trains from Scotland, northern England and the Midlands to Paris will start next year, along with overnight trains from London to Holland and Germany, he said. (AFP)

Louvre to Be Free One Day a Month

PARIS - The Louvre will charge no entry fee one day a month as part of a plan to make museums more accessible to the public, Culture Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said Tuesday.

The entry fee will be eliminated on the first Sunday of every month starting in January, a spokesman for the museum confirmed.

The usual fee is 40 francs (\$8) until 3 P.M. and 20 francs from 3 P.M to closing time.

Tallest Hotel Is Planned Off Dubai 🕟

DUBAL United Arab Emirates — Chicago Beach Resort has unveiled plans to build the world's tallest hotel on an artificial

Guests will reach the 321-meter-high hotel by bridge, yacht or helicopter, company officials said. The 26-story hotel will be part of a complex including a 600-room hotel on shore and a park with: beachside villas.

Tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka dropped in September for the first time in a year, and resort hotel operators are concerned that attacks by Tamil guerrillas could scare more visitors away. But tourist board sources said that the September decline of 0.8 percent did not necessarily indicate a trend.

China will turn a panda breeding center into a tourist destination where the endangered animals can be viewed in their natural habitat, Xinhua press agency said. China Panda World will be established at the foot of Mount Futou in southwestern Sichuan Province, where an estimated 1,000 pandas live in the wild. It will be opened by the year 2020, the agency said.

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Japan Officials 'Understanding' **About Clinton's Shortened Visit**

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese officials expressed 'understanding' on Tuesday about Pres-ident Bill Clinton's decision to shorten his , prip to an Asian economic summit meeting in Japan later this week.

The White House on Monday shortened Mr. Clinton's planned trip to Japan from the planned six days to an extended weekend because of the budget standoff in Washington with Congress. Mr. Clinton will meet Sunday with lead-

ers of Asia-Pacific countries in Osaka and travel to Tokyo for a state visit to Japan. He is to leave Washington Friday night and return home Tuesday morning. ... The shortened schedule means Mr. Clin-

ton will miss one of the main events of the Asia-Pacific summit meeting, a dinner with the region's leaders Saturday night, a Japanese official said Tuesday.

The official, briefing reporters in Osaka, said all the other Asia-Pacific leaders were scheduled to attend the banquet, making Mr. Clinton the only no-show Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is expected to take the president's place.

The government spokesman, Koken Nosaka, said that it was "indeed regrettable" that Mr. Clinton had to cut back his stay, but added that the Japanese gov-House's position.



Newt Gingrich, left, and Bob Dole shepherding Republicans to White House talks with President Clinton.

POLITICALNOTES

Republicans Exchange Fire

WASHINGTON - A week before a high-stakes straw poll in Florida, Republican presidential canattacks that are usually reserved for the heat of a

Senator Bob Dole of Kansas has begun a telephone and direct mail campaign devoted to alerting delegates that his main rival, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, missed several votes related to the Republican manifesto, the Contract With America.

Mr. Gramm has sent some of his Florida field workers a mailing of his own: a biography of another candidate, former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, that runs from the serious to the downright silly. In addition to passages devoted to Mr. Alexander's "ethical problems," the document discloses: "Incidents such as pelting out-of-state cars with snowballs earned Alexander at least two pad-

Though he is not one to shrink from harsh attacks on all the mud -- calling it "disgraceful activity" --

by presenting himself as Mr. Clean. Phil Gramm is the Darth Vader of negative politics," said Nelson Warfield, Mr. Dole's camedged campaigning in Florida just add hypocrisy to

Mr. Warfield also went after Mr. Alexander for being "conveniently indignant" about negative campaiging. Mr. Warfield said: "Question for

Lamar: Remember your mud in New Hampshire?" Perhaps it should have been expected that with the didates are engaging in the kind of blistering negative earlier fund raising and earlier primary calendar for Republican presidential contenders in 1996, the acid assaults would also follow a stepped-up schedule.

But more than anything else, the viruperation has been prompted by Presidency III, a popularity poll of about 3,000 Republicans this weekend in Orlando. The event has taken on unexpected importance because the major candidates have all called it a major FBI. test of their viability, and have poured significant amounts of money and time into wooing delegates in Florida. The event is considered a legitimate test because unlike other straw polls, candidates cannot skew the results by buying more tickets.

WASHINGTON - As federal investigators zero himself, Mr. Alexander tried on Monday to capitalize in on the personal and campaign finances of a Utah congresswoman, Representative Enid Greene Waldholtz, her office said that her husband had van-

Mrs. Waldholtz, 37, a freshman Republican from paign spokesman, "and his complaints about hard- Salt Lake City, issued a statement Monday saying that her husband, Joe Waldholtz, has been missing from their Washington home since Saturday.

Mrs. Waldholtz has had a relatively high profile on Capitol Hill, in part because she gave birth to the couple's first child in August and because she was the first freshman appointed to the powerful Rules Committee in 70 years.

In her statement, Mrs. Waldholtz said that she was conducting her own investigation, in addition to the other "external" investigations, and that she was severing her husband from her affairs.

Law-enforcement officials in Washington said the investigation was being run by federal prosecutors in Salt Lake City, who had asked for help from the

The Hill, a Capitol Hill newspaper, has reported that the FBI has been examining the couple's tangled finances for some time. The newspaper said the FBI was looking into possible violations of federal spending laws, the co-mingling of campaign and personal money, and failure to pay personal and campaign

Quote / Unquote

Alana Rakien of New York as she tried to get a passport for her 2-year-old child; and the manager at of the passport office in Rockefeller Center refused to answer any more questions about the shutdown of the federal government as a result of the budget dispute between Congress and the president: "Ohh! I'd like to strangle that man!"

U.S., in Budget Deadlock, Lays Off 800,000 Workers

Talks Go On as Clinton Vetoes Riders

By Brian Knowlton International Herald Tribuni

WASHINGTON - With the White House and congressional leaders locked in a budget battle, the federal government on Tuesday ran out of money to pay its employees and sent 800,000 of them home with no clear sign of when they might be called back.

White House emissaries met with Republican budget leaders at midday, temporarily raising hopes for a solution. But in separaie press conferences later, President Bill Clinton and top Republican leaders were bristling with anger and deter-

'I will continue to fight for the right kind of balanced budthe president said. He accused the Republicans of putting "ideology ahead of common sense and shared val-

ues. Republicans said afterward that Mr. Clinton was avoiding the need to make difficult the need to make difficult choices while seeking maximum political gain. "Mr. President," said Senator Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico, chairman of the Budget Committee, "you make things very difficult with the speech you

made today.' He accused the president of uttering "half-truths," and other Republicans stopped just short of calling Mr. Clinton a

It was not clear what further meetings the two sides would

have Tuesday. But a White House spokesman, when asked if the govemment would remain closed Wednesday, replied tersely,

Mr. Clinton met late Monday with the Republican leaders of the House and Senate. Just before that meeting, he had vetoed a short-term spending bill passed by the Republican-controlled Congress that would have kept the government

The president objected to a provision affecting the Medicare health program. Republicans now say they are prepared to drop that provision.

Mr. Clinton had also vetoed a bill to extend government borrowing authority, saying it would have tied the Treasury

secretary's hands. The Treasury Department had to draw on government retirement funds to meet interest payments due this week. Reaction on stock and bond mar-

kets was muted Tuesday. Shortly before noon Monday, about 40 percent of non-military federal workers, including about 150,000 in the Washington area, were sent home. The others, in jobs con-sidered essential to health, safety or national security, re-

mained at work.

This is the fourth time in 15 years that government employees have been sent home: no previous shutdown lasted more than four days.

Most of the nation's military remained at work, though some contractors feared the impact of a long-term stoppage. Four in five American diplomats around the world stayed at work, including those at the Bosnia peace talks near Dayton, Ohio.

But tourists visiting the Statue of Liberty were rounded up just 20 minutes after arriving museums in Washington were

So was the National Zoo, though animals will be fed. It became clear Tuesday that changes in federal spending the battle lines extend far besince the Depression. The outyond the measures the president

If Mr. Clinton would accept the Republican goal of balanc- tion year. ing the federal budget in seven years, said Representative Bob Livingston is chairman of the

Appropriations Committee.
Newt Gingrich of Georgia,
House speaker, said the problem could be resolved about 30 minutes" if Mr. Clinton would accept a seven-year

Budget legislation that the Republicans are expected to complete by Friday would bring some of the biggest come of the current dispute ap-

Differences within each political party appeared to be Livingston of Louisiana, "ev-erything else is ancillary." Mr. Dole, the Senate majority leader, was said to have shown a willingness to compromise in the talks late Monday with Mr.

pears certain to reverberate into

the coming presidential elec-

But Mr. Gingrich showed less flexibility, citing pressure from hard-line young Republican congressmen.

Affected U.S. Services

Clinton.

WASHINGTON - During the shutdown of the U.S. government, only workers deemed essential are staying on the job. This is how public services are being affected: MAIL: The Postal Service, which is self-supporting, is continuing deliveries.

TOURISM: National park visitor centers and monuments are closed. Many parks and battlefields will be open.

RETIREES: Social Security checks will be issued, but

new applications cannot be processed. WELFARE: Checks and food stamps will continue. VETERANS: The Department of Veterans Affairs cannot

issue its next checks Dec. 1 if the dispute is not settled by early next week. No new claims will be processed. TRANSPORTATION: Essential safety personnel are at

work. Weather forecasting is continuing.

MEDICARE: Medicare is financed by a trust fund, so claims can be paid, but private contractors process the claims for the Health Care Financing Administration, which expects the contractors to keep working.

MEDICAID: Medicaid and Aid to Families With De-

pendent Children will not be affected. DEFENSE: All active duty military will report for duty.

About 571,000 of the Defense Department's 866,000 civilian employees will also work. JUSTICE: Criminal investigations and prosecutions will

continue, but most civil cases will be postponed. TAXES: Quarterly tax payments will be collected, but the information hotline for taxpayers will not be answered.

Away From Politics

 In NASA's first major space-station construction job, a rookie astronaut attached a docking tunnel to Atlantis to allow safer linkups with the orbiting Russian outpost Mir. Chris Hadfield, a Canadian, maneuvered a crane from inside Atlantis, completing the critical task as planned and apparently without a hitch. Installation of the 900-pound tunnel was an essential part of the shuttle's second docking flight to Mir, and keeps Atlantis on track for a rendez-vous Wednesday. (AP)

3 • A federal judge delayed Ohio's new abortion law that includes the nation's first ban on a rarely used late-term procedure in which the skull is collapsed before the fetus is removed from the womb. The judge issued a 10-day temporary restraining order delaying (AP) implementation.

A man whose death sentence was once overturned was executed by injection in Virginia for killing a supermar-ket owner and a store clerk during an attempted robbery in 1985. Herman C. Barnes, 31, was convicted in July 1986 for shooting to death the market owner. Clyde Jenkins, and a clerk, Mohammad Afifi. (AP)

 A walkway over a six-lane highway collapsed in Providence, Rhode Island, when it was struck by a tractor-trailer. Two people suffered minor in-

 Hate crimes reported to the police declined in 1994, with the number of related murders dropping from 20 to 13, the FBI said. The bureau said 5,852 hate crime incidents were reported during 1994, compared with 7,684 incidents in 1993. (AP)

• The Coast Guard has resumed searching for a charter fishing boat off North Bend, Oregon, after receiving a second SOS that the vessel was taking on water with 11 people aboard. A search after the first call last Tuesday turned up nothing and left authorities wondering if the call was a

AMERICAN TOPICS

For Sharks, a Bit of Human

Is Usually Quite Enough Shark attacks along the East Coast of the United States have increased by about 20 percent this year over last, according to Samuel Gruber of the University of Miami, probably because of stormier weather. More wind and surf bring out more sailboaters and surfers near the offshore

sandbars where sharks hang out. Florida has had the most shark attacks. with 28 incidents as of early October, compared with 22 for all of 1994. Threeor four-foot black-tipped sharks are suspected in most of those attacks.

Yet no fatalities have been recorded in the United States this year. Fewer than 10 statistics began to be kept. Nearly always. the shark takes one bite and darts away. | chiatrist responds. That's impossible,

man meals? Mr. Gruber says sharks may just prefer seafood. Peter Klimley, a shark researcher at Bodega Marine Laboratory north of San Francisco, says people might

not be fat enough. Fat has twice the energy value that muscle does," Mr. Klimley says. Seals and sea lions have a layer of fat, unlike birds, humans and sea oners." He said that sea otters, like people, were often

bitten but almost never eaten. In videotapes of sharks scavenging on a dead whale, Mr. Klimley said, they clearly concentrate on the fat tissue, ignoring the rest of the animal.

About People

Mayor Richard Riordan of Los Angeles told this joke to Bill Clinton; a Riordan aide says the president got a big laugh out of it: The mayor is supposedly so depressed over negative press notices and attacks from political foes that he's decided to seek help from a psychiatrist. confirmed shark attack deaths have been The mayor tells the psychiatrist, I'm be-recorded since the 1950s, when reliable ginning to feel paranoid. I think everybody in the world hates me." The psy-

Why don't sharks finish off their hu- | Mayor, not everyone in the world knows

Short Takes

A request by Winston Moseley for a retrial on a technicality has been turned down by a federal judge. Mr. Moseley, now 61, is serving a life sentence for the murder 31 years ago of Kitty Genovese, a crime that became a metaphor for the failure of urban residents to help fellow citizens in trouble. Mr. Moseley stalked and repeatedly stabbed Miss Genovese on a New York street. Most of the people who overheard her agonized screams later admitted they didn't want to get in-

Lunchtime conversation between mother and grown son in a New York restaurant, asreported to The New York Times Metropolitan Diary column:

Mother: I went to my doctor yesterday to find out how I can lose some weight. Son: I can tell you how to do that. Eat more fruits and vegetables, and exer-

Mother: That's exactly what he said. But what kind of life is that? International Herald Tribune

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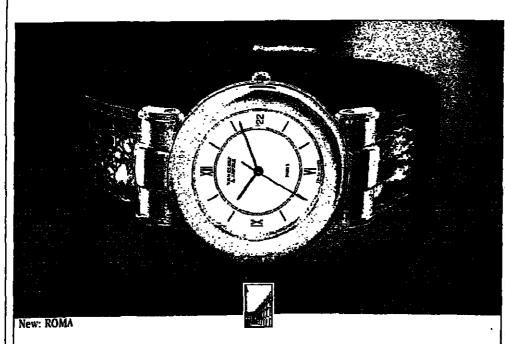
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and put back on the ferry for Manhattan. The Smithsonian



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ASIA

Jiang, in Seoul, Joins in Criticism of Tokyo

SEOUL - President Jiang Zemin of

China, on a visit here, joined South Korea on Tuesday in harsh criticism of a Japanese leader has made crazy re-Japan's handling of its history in the marks," Mr. Kim said. "I thought I region and sought to ease fears a newly would have to fix the (expletive derich and powerful China was itself turn-

ing militaristic.
"To allege that a stronger China will groundless," Mr. Jiang told the Navisit, the first ever by a Chinese president to South Korea.

Beijing, he pledged, would "never history can be erased!" take part in an arms race, never engage in expansion, never seek hegemony."

The Chinese president's address came after a -hour- 40-minute meeting with President Kim Young Sam and a joint news conference at which Mr. Kim abandoned diplomatic language to be-

Since the establishment of Korea in 1948, it has been more than 30 times that pleted) bad habit this time.'

The harshness came a day after a Japanese minister, Takami Eto, resigned pose a threat to other countries is totally to salvage a planned meeting this weekend in Osaka between Mr. Kim and tional Assembly on the second day of his Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama.

Mr. Jiang, angrily stabbing the air with his fingers, said that "no part of A half-century has passed since the

end of World War II, he said, but "some politicians obstinately stick to a wrong view of history and deny the fact that Japan staged a war of aggression." Future friendly ties between Tokyo and Beijing, Mr. Jiang said, depended

'We have to be on the alert against the Japanese militaristic minority and urge Japan to have a correct perception of history and to pursue a peaceful path," Mr. Jiang said.

An official Chinese spokesman later clarified at a press conference here that Beijing had no intention of forming an alliance with South Korea or any other country on the Japanese history issue.

letter from Japan's prime minister. Tomiichi Murayamam to Mr. Kim, expressing his regrets for Japan's past "from the bottom of my heart."

The Japan "bashing," and what Mr. Jiang called "anxieties about a stronger China becoming a threat to other counovershadowed bilateral issues

on Japan's having a correct view of its and the thorny problem of the standoff past "militarism." and the thorny problem of the standoff between North and South Korea.

Mr. Jiang made no new statement on the North-South issue, other than to repeat that Beijing, the last ally of the fanatically isolated regime in North Korea, was urging dialogue between the two sides to reduce deep mistrust and tensions on the peninsula, and in North Asia as a whole.

Diplomats here saw the significance of the statement in the fact that it was South Korea's Foreign Ministry, made by Mr. Jiang in Seoul and not in meanwhile, made public the text of a Pyongyang, with some interpreting it as a nudge to the economically stricken North to come to the table.

Mr. Kim on Tuesday brushed off China's sending thousands of "volunteers" to fight alongside North Korean troops in the 1950-53 Korean War, by saying "history caused the ries between us to be severed for a time."

From Nepal

Avalanches

stranded trekkers continued.

Officials said that dozens

series of avalanches in the

Gokyo Valley, northeast of

Katmandu, and other regions.

KATMANDU, Nepal --

Warfare In Špratlys Is Unlikely, Asians Say

MANILA - China is unlikely to go to war over the Spratly Islands because it would bring disaster to its economy and enable its rivals, the United States and Japan, to consolidate their power in the region, security experts said on Tuesday.

Several speakers at a three-12-nation workshop snubbed by Beijing predicted that members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, would close ranks against China in case hostilities erupted in the disputed islands.

Beijing's "inscrutable intentions" dominated discussions among political science ex-perts, officials and diplomats from the seven ASEAN countries and the United States, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan. New Zealand and Canada.

The consensus that emerged was apparently that Beijing would not risk an armed con-Rescue workers found seven more bodies Tuesday, raising to frontation in the cluster of is-44 the death toll from a weeklands in the South China Sea. end storm that set off avalanchwhich potentially have oil rees and landslides in Nepal's serves, because of the economic mountains. The search for and political costs a war would

'An armed conflict would were still missing and that the toll could exceed 100 after a deal a severe blow to China's economic development." Professor You Ji of the University of Canterbury in New Zealand said. It would also "enable the United States to consolidate its presence in the area and offer Japan a role to play as a political power which would be contrary to China's interests," he said.

The Manila think-tank Institute for Strategic and Development Studies organized the workshop to discuss the security implications of a conflict in the

Experts from Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam echoed Mr. You's sentiments.

But the ASEAN experts, in a summary of their positions, said "conflicts of various sorts and extent" were possible either by reason of accident. provocations and competition

Timorese Seek Japanese Help

BRIEFLYASIA

JAKARTA — Twenty-one East Timorese climbed a fence into the Japanese Embassy compound in Jakarta seeking political asylum Tuesday.

"We need Japanese help," one man told reporters through the metal perimeter fence he and his colleagues had scaled. He said they wanted political asylum in Japan.

It was the third embassy break-in in the Indonesian capital in two months and came two days after the fourth anniversary of the so-called Santa Cruz massacre in East Timor's capital, Dili, Indonesia's annexation of East Tilmor nearly 20 years ago has not been recognized by the international com-

Manila Court Absolves Writer

MANILA - The Court of Appeals on Tuesday overturned a verdict that former President Corazon Aquino had been libeled by a commentary that said she "hid under her bed" during a coup attempt against her in 1987. The court ruled that it was "fair comment.

A lower court found a political commentator, Luis Beitran. guilty in 1992 of criminal libel for the remark. Maximo Soliven, publisher of the Philippine Star, where the column appeared, was also convicted.

Judge Ramon Makasiar ordered the two imprisoned for up to two years and to pay 2 million pesos (\$76,000) in damages. Mr. Beltran, a popular newspaper, radio, and television commentator, died last year of a heart attack while his case was being appealed.

North Korean Nuclear Deal Near

SEOUL -- North Korea and an international consortium set up to provide it with two nuclear reactors have resolved most key problems and started working on language, according to published reports Tuesday.

South Korea's national news agency, Yonhap, quoted an unidentified South Korean government official as saying that the progress made so far was enough to guarantee a successful conclusion to talks that began in New York last month. "About two more weeks would be needed to write details

of agreement into a contract," Yonhap quoted the official as

The agency said progress was made after North Korea retracted some of its demand for extras to go with two replacement reactors promised by the U.S.-led consortium under a 1994 nuclear agreement.

VOICES From Asia

Sitiveni Rabuka, an ethnic Fijian who is prime minister of Fiji, on the opposition to his country's readmission to the Commonwealth because of the 1987 coup that deposed a government dominated by ethnic Indians: "It is the existence of this blind and unreasoning opposition to Fiji which has deterred my government from actively seeking Fiji's re-

Shen Guofang, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, on plans by President Jiang Zemin to again raise the issue of U.S. relations with Taiwan if he meets President Bill Clinton in Japan this month: "Because the question of Taiwan is a sensitive issue and basic problem in Chinese-U.S. relations, so I believe this will be one important topic.

Toll Hits 44 **Army Seizes Rebel Tamils' Headquarters** Capture Puts Troops Closer to Separatists' Capital

COLOMBO - Sri Lankan troops captured the rebel Tamil Tigers' political headquarters in fierce fighting and tightened its grip on the rebel citadel of Jaffna town, the military said Tues-

Nearly 7,500 soldiers, backed by tanks, stormed the town of Kondavil, where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam has had its main offices since it began ruling the Jaffna Peninsula as a de facto separate state in 1990, a military spokesman said.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross withdrew its medical staff from Jaffna on Tuesday as the army closed in on the town. It said 30 vehicles and 220 people had been moved to Point Pedro on the eastern side of the island, where there has been no fighting.

The rebels' political headquarters at Kondavil was taken after heavy hand-to-hand fighting that killed at least one soldier and wounded 28 others, a military spokesman said. Seven rebel bodies were re-

covered "but many more human-rights conventions and call the Hong Kong Special Adwould have died," said an army is "under no obligation" to file ministrative Region. spokesman, Sarath Munas-

'We have also captured one of their main training camps

arms," he said.

The troops established control over the small but strategic town and, after a monthlong offensive, were just over two kilometers (one mile) from the rebel bastion of Jaffna town, the capital of the 2,340-square-

vancing on Jaffna in two

kilometer (900-square-mile) peninsula in the island's north. Two divisions, numbering about 15,000 troops, were ad-

BELING — China will not

human rights in Hong Kong af- rule on July 1. 1997.

the British colony, a Foreign Hong Kong citizens were fully

report to the United Nations on

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Ministry spokesman said Tues-

reports required under the

treaties, the spokesman, Shen

Guofang, said.

China never signed two UN

civilians remained in the town, ground bunkers. the Red Cross said. "The Tigers have dug huge

trenches to slow down armor on the eastern flank," an army wounded in the offensive, which source said. "Soldiers have to tiptoe over the minefields. The other column is moving fairly smoothly despite face-to-face

The military said it had captured a large training camp that included "an elaborate network columns, military officials said, of roads and a well laid-out former Prime Minister Rajiv although one column was building complex," complete Gandhi of India.

slowed by vast minefields. Few with lecture halls and under-At least 321 soldiers and

nearly 1,400 guerrillas have was begun Oct. 17 with the objective of taking Jaffna, the symbol of Tamil separatism. The rebels' losses include the

leader of its women's guerrilla wing, known by her nom de guerre, Akila, who was wanted for the 1991 assassination of

Mr. Shen repeated the po-

sition of China on Tuesday that

it might ignore laws that Hong

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Italian MPs Demand Inquiry

ROME - Center-left politicians on Tuesday demanded a parliamentary investigation of a widening corruption scandal that has hit Italy's armed forces.

Four members of the Progressive political grouping in the Chamber of Deputies asked for a parliamentary committee to be formed to investigate allegations that top military officials were involved in a bribes-for-contracts scandal.

Senior commanders estimate that as many as 2,500 members of the armed forces are under inquiry.

A Vote for Czechs From Chirac?

PARIS - President Jacques Chirac backs the Czech Republic as the top candidate for membership of the European Union, the Czech prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, said after meeting the French leader on Tuesday.

"President Chirac considers the Czech Republic as the No.



Mr. Chirac, left, and Mr. Klaus in Paris on Tuesday.

I candidate for membership of the European Union," he said.

after talks lasting nearly an hour at Elysée Palace.

Mr. Klaus, in Paris for a one-day visit, was to meet Prime Minister Alain Juppé later, as well as hold talks with officials of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation, to which Prague also seeks membership. (AFP)

Norway Seeks Schengen Role

OSLO -- Norway will begin negotiations Wednesday in Helsinki aimed at giving the country special status in the Schengen Convention on free circulation, even though it is not a member of the European Union.

The Norwegian justice minister. Grete Faremo, will meet with Interior Minister Johan Vande Lanotte of Belgium, whose country currently holds the rotating chairmanship of Schengen, to negotiate an accord linking Norway to the convention without making it a member.

Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden also will participate in the talks.

French Arrest 7 Islamic Suspects

PARIS — The French police arrested seven suspected Islamic militants on Tuesday in connection with an investigation into a wave of bomb blasts that have hit France since July, sources said.

The seven were arrested in raids in Paris and Lyon, as part of a probe by Judge Laurence Le Vert into the terrorist wave, which has killed 7 and wounded more than 200. (AFP)

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: STRASBOURG: The European Parliament plenary session

continues with debate on employment and external relations. STRASBOURG: The "Kangaroo" group, an association that seeks a single European market, hosts a breakfast debate on European companies competing globally.

B()NN: European Industry Commissioner Martin Bangemann addresses a conference on the theme "Europe and the

Sicily Trial

Resumes

Of Andreotti

a practicing lawyer, on charges he had helped harbor a fugitive

Mr. Andreotti, a 76-year-old

life senator who has held nearly every important national office,

including seven stints as prime minister, denies all charges

Mafia boss.

against him.

nalist, Mino Pecorelli.

Student Protests

Spread in France

PARIS — Student unrest

widened Tuesday as strikes hit several financially strained uni-

versities to press demands for more state funds at a time when

the government is seeking to

country's more than 80 universities were on strike, and a left-

ist student union close to the

opposition Socialist Party,

called for a national protest day

next Tuesday. Most classes were canceled.

Students in seven of the

curb public spending.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

Britain Blocks EU on Defense Unity

MADRID — Signaling its determination to limit any inthe European Union, Britain them to merge gradually and for the EU wing.

agree on a common position starting point for detailed nebefore a planned review.

We have not succeeded in

France, Britain, Belgium, common European defense. Spain, Germany, Greece, Italy. Miss Agnelli called the the Netherlands, Luxembourg British position "extremist" and Portugal — discussed a and said Italy had been "in the compromise paper for submis-sion to the EU review confer-British diplomatic so

The paper contained three options: for the two organizacrease in the central power of nons to remain autonomous, for

blocked moves Tuesday to them to merge immediately.
bring the Western European But with London adamant Union defense grouping under that it would not accept even a ceived some support from eight hint of a European Union voice other countries that are mem-Member states of the West-on defense, the WEU was not bers of either NATO or the Euem European Union failed to even able to agree on a common

gonations. Mr. Kinkel and Foreign Minconvincing Britain," said For-eign Minister Klaus Kinkel of said that nearly all other WEU Germany. "It will be a difficult members favored a gradual merger and that they felt a need

> British diplomatic sources said that all states had agreed on

The review, known in Eu- the need to progress slowly on ropean Union terminology as the Inter-Governmental Con-ference, is open-ended and of London's policy that defense

could in theory last until 1997. decision-making must be the ture is going to be long and preserve of individual govern- acrimonious. London is push-

> They added that London had been alone in proposing no telligence unit and in equipping change to the existing institu- it with some form of humantional structure but had re- itarian task force. ropean Union, but not the WEU.

> The divisions reflect the wider EU debate on how much discuss threats to a region surfurther to take European po- rounded by turbulence since the litical and economic integra- collapse of the Soviet Union.

London has proposed that in-The 10-member WEU — to make some progress toward a stead of any institutional linkup. the two organizations should hold summit meetings at the same time and take other measures to increase cooperation while remaining indepen-

> The view is sharply at odds with that held by other WEU capitals and is regarded as another sign that the continuing debate on Europe's political fu-

Wife Says Mitterrand Is Doing 'All Right' ing for progress in setting up a PARIS - François Mit- is fighting against a perni-WEU situation center and in-

But it is adamant that all such

Foreign and defense minis-

ters from 27 European coun-

tries are meeting in Madrid to

matters remain subordinate to

the NATO alliance.

his prostate cancer and there right." are no plans for a third op-

courageous," Danielle Mitterrand said in a some reports saving he had television interview, her first been admitted to the Val desince her husband, who is 79. Grace military hospital in left office on May 17 after Paris.

terrand is doing well despite clous disease, but he's all

Mrs. Mitterrand's comeration on the former French ments came after persistent president, his wife said Tues- rumors that the former Socialist president's health was rapidly deteriorating, with

Scharping Goes on Offensive He Says He Won't Try to Please Everyone

MANNHEIM. Germany -The head of Germany's opposition Social Democrats challenged leadership rivals on Tuesday, saying that he planned to stop trying to please all sides in the Social Democratic Party and start imposing

At the opening of one of the most critical conferences in the history of Germany's biggest and oldest party, the party lead-er, Rudolf Scharping, made clear he saw internal bickering as the prime reason for its slump to postwar lows in the

"You have paid for our mis-takes," he told the 535 delegates on behalf of the party's leaders, before taking stock of his own much-criticized leadership style. "I have tried to express ideas

opinion polls.

not completely backed by my personal convictions," he said.
"I overestimated the readiness

in a spirit of trust."

Public sniping within the leadership has prompted spec-ulation that Mr. Scharping could be toppled by one of the more charismatic party figures: his main rival, Gerhard Schröder, or former chancellery candidate Oskar Lafontaine.

Mr. Scharping remain in place. at least until nearer the next general election in 1998. Mr. Scharping dismissed Mr.

Schröder as party economic policy head when Mr. Schröder asserted that the problem was "not whether we have a social democratic economic policy or not but whether we have a modem economic policy.'

Since then the party has slumped dramatically.

of my colleagues to cooperate Thursday, made clear he would no longer meekly accept the blame for the party's slide that has left Helmut Kohl firmly in

> "You get the biggest headlines by setting yourself up against your own party. But that also brings our party the biggest defeats. Mr. Scharping said. He also urged the party,

Neither has emphatically denied leadership ambitions but both have seemed content to see peacekeeping missions.
On Tuesday, he indicated

that he meant to push this through, despite heavy opposition in particular from Mr. Lafontaine, the Saar premier. Specifically, he said, if a pos-

sible Bosnia peace deal "requires a military security guarantee, Germany should take part, not in the sense of fighting, but in the knowledge that there are times when people's secu-Mr. Scharping, who is un-rity can be ensured only in this

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Rights Issue With Leader

BELIING — Chancellor Hel- view individual cases." he said. here on Tuesday of an army unit is to try to influence the Chi-

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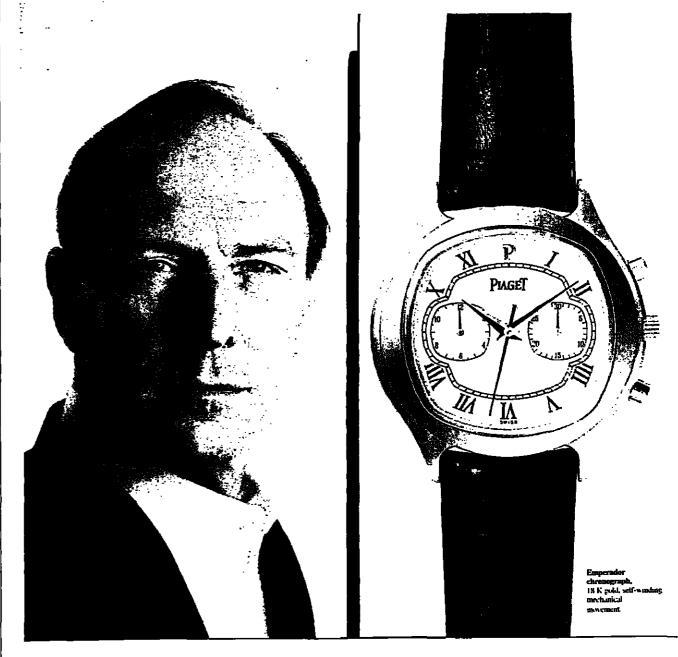
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3 'Young Turks' Await Major Roles in Israeli Cabinet

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — When Shimon Peres is formally installed as prime minister this week and announces his new government, attention will focus on three "young Turks" of the Labor Party, all Israeli-born men in their 40s or early 50s whose appointments not only will determine the shading of the new cabinet but also could help shape the future of Israeli politics.

One is a macho former general, another is a former soccer player and impressive political infighter, and the third is a dovish, soft-spoken intellectu-

For all their differences in style, leanings and background, they loom in the pubic perception as contenders to lead the liberal Labor coalition in the future against another member of their generation, Benjamin Netanyahu, the 46year-old leader of the conservative Likud.

Though Mr. Peres reportedly has not yet made up his mind on the final shape of his cabinet, the broad outlines of his thinking are known. First, he intends to maintain most of the cabinet intact as a political signal that he will continue Yitzhak Rabin's policies.

Second, Mr. Peres is known to view the search for peace priority. He rejected the tempAre These Three Faces in Israel's Future?



Army Chief of Staff . . . Israeli bom soldier-intellectual, with charisma and eloquence . . Oldest of the "young Turks" at 53 . . . Intelligence chief during the rescue of an airliner at Entebbe, Uganda . . . Closely tied in attitudes to the late Yitzhak Rabin . . . Known

to skew the peace effort.

Where Mr. Peres has leeway



Minister of Economy and Planning . . . Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres's longstanding protégé . . . Native of Tel Aviv and holder of ... At 47, has earned high grades for intellect and as the man who started the secret peace contacts in Oslo.



become chairman of Histadrut, a giant trade-union federation ... Let it be known that he intends to return to the Labor Party . . . Israeli-born, at 45 figures on everyone's list of political contenders . . . Good speaker and law graduate of Tel Aviv University . . . Former . . . Ex-soccer player.

tation of early elections, in side, and the Defense Min- the trade federation movewhich the outpouring of sym-pathy for Mr. Rabin would istry, which Mr. Rabin kept for ment, thus moving to the top of himself. have given him a strong edge, The three are Interior Minbecause that would have enister Ehud Barak, a former

tangled the transfer of authority to Palestinians in the West si Beilin, Mr. Peres's protégé and the cabinet member who most closely reflects his thinking, and Haim Ramon, who resents a military establish-Bank in election politics. That, in turn, would have achieved the assassin's primary goal walked out of a Labor govis in filling the vacant Foreign ernment to stake out his own

any list of contenders. How Mr. Peres mixes and

matches the three could dearmy chief of staff; Minister of termine the government's at-Economics and Planning Yos-si Beilin, Mr. Peres's protégé port it can anticipate.

ment that could accelerate or delay agreements with the broaden his own image for the Ministry, where he used to pre-political turf successfully in Palestinians and Arab states. next elections.

has traditionally been a critical component of Israeli politics terior minister, or get the For-eign Ministry. The second opbin's popularity was his image as a soldier. Thirteen members of the 120-seat parliament are former colonels or generals.

All that would seem to point to Mr. Barak, a soldier-intellectual who retired only 11 months ago as the army chiefof-staff and is closely tied in attitudes and public perception to another former chief-ofstaff - Mr. Rabin.

The oldest of the "young Turks" at 53, Mr. Barak has charisma, eloquence and intellect. He has an unblemished record of service in Israel's major wars and served as the intelligence chief during the successful rescue of passengers on a hijacked airliner at Entebbe, Uganda. Soon after hanging up his lieutenant general's uniform he joined the Rabin government as interior ministe.

But the likelihood is that Mr. Peres will take the defense portfolio himself. Nobody could say he is unqualified he built the young Israeli state's defense industry in the 1950s and served as minister of defense from 1974 to 1977. The advantage for Mr. Peres would be that he could maintain control over the military withdrawals from the West

could stay where he is, as intion would free the Interior Ministry for Mr. Ramon.

His return to the Labor fold. is of paramount importance to Mr. Peres. At 45, Mr. Ramon figures on every list of big-time political contenders, and he could be a major asset in broadening the standing of the new government.

The assumption is that he will be offered a plum portfolio - either the Interior or the Foreign Ministry, depending on where Mr. Barak

Finally, there is Mr. Beilin, 47, a man Mr. Rabin once dis-missively called "Peres's poo-dle," who has earned high grades for intellect and, at least among admirers of the peace with the Palestinians, as the man who started the secret contacts in Oslo that produced the famous handshake be-tween Mr. Rabin and the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat,

at the White House in 1993. Mr. Beilin's political career has been intimately linked to that of Mr. Peres, and the new prime minister would no doubt like to have him near, either as foreign minister or as minister without portfolio.

Even if Mr. Beilin stays as minister of economics and planning, he would figure to be a close aide to Mr. Peres.

man is obliged to give the nod to the parliamentary leader most likely to obtain 61 votes in the 120-seat Knesset, and the selection of Mr. Peres is a foregone conclusion.

On Tuesday, Haim Ramon, a popular maverick who left the party to wrest control of the Histadrut labor federation, made an unconditional return to the Labor Party fold. Mr. Ramon is thought to want a senior cabinet post like Interior, but he said he had made no

Prefer to Mask Its Extent number of U.S. Air Force planes that patrol southern

Bomb Spotlights

U.S. Aid to Saudis

Riyadh and Washington

and John Mintz

Washington Post Service

and Riyadh have tried to hide.

Muslim fundamentalists in

Saudi Arabia and from U.S.

critics of the undemocratic oil

formidable fighting organiza-

tion able to counter moves by

Fearful of the outcry among

use of American military equip-ment the Saudis have bought, from F-15 fighters to M-1 tanks and Patriot missiles. The second, which included the office bombed on Monday, is a \$5.6 billion package to modernize,

kingdom, both governments train and equip the Saudi Arahave toiled in secret to help transform the Saudi military from a disorganized, illequipped force into a responsible for the attack, the choice of target made sense, analysts said: it struck a blow at Iran or Iraq — and to defend the the foreign military presence regime from domestic insurthat supports the government, that supports the government, and at one of the main pillars of So tight-lipped are both the internal security establish-countries that Pentagon offi-ment, the National Guard.

cials at a briefing after the Paid for by the Saudis, the bombing refused to say how many U.S. military personnel Office of the Program Manager-Saudi National Guard program is run by the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Vinnell Corp., a subsidiary of are in the country or what they

American soldiers and air-men in the country rarely, if ever, dress in uniform, and many of their buildings, like the one bombed Monday, are unmarked. The many employees of U.S. defense companies working there, many of whom are retired U.S. military offi-cers, are instructed to obscure their connection to the United

"We keep as low a silhouette as possible," Edward Atkeson, a senior associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said of his fellow Americans. It is an anathema Americans. It is an anathema Navy, Raytheon Corp., which to the whole psychology of the builds Patriot missiles for the Saudis to have anyone else Saudis, McDonnell Douglas there defending their holy Corp., which makes F-15s, and

There are about 5,000 U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia, mostly in Riyadh and Dhahran, where Saudi forces aviators and crews for a small the Saudis' cash shortage.

U.S. military and civilian WASHINGTON - The car contractor personnel work on two separate programs in the country. The first is the U.S. mission that trains Saudis in the bomb attack against Americans in Saudi Arabia has cast a spotlight on U.S. assistance to that country's national security ap-paratus that both Washington

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BDM and Vinnell have 1,000 employees in Saudi Arabia, plus thousands of dependents, working on long-held contracts to train the Saudi National Guard, Royal Air Force and Royal Land Forces, as well as to develop their computer software and maintain their equipment.
Other U.S. contractors with a

large presence in Saudi Arabia include Booz-Allen & Hamilton Inc., which has 200 employees advising the Saudi General Dynamics Corp., which manufactures M-1 tanksSince the Gulf War, the Riyadh has ordered \$30 billion worth of U.S. weapons, but deare also based. They include liveries have been delayed by

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Peres Seeks to Reassure West Bank Settlers About Security

By Barton Geliman

TSOFIN, West Bank - On a bulldozed hilltop astride the line between Israel and the West Bank, Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres called his first scheduled news conference on Tuesday to tell a skeptical domestic audience that he is keeping close watch

Palestinian self-rule. It was a message of reassurance

of Kokhav Yair in the valley below. Mr. Peres, a former defense minister who helped create Israel's nuclear weapons program, is dogged nonetheless by an image of weakness that lost him his party's leadership to Yitzhak Rabin before the last election

So on Tuesday, as he prepared to towns alongside. Mr. Peres packaged area with the armed forces chief of power in the West Bank.

Mr. Peres, 72, came here one day tions and security needs."

Army completed its He said he would do his best "not to withdrawal from the Arab city of Jenin, the first of six West Bank population centers to be granted self-rule

by the end of the year. He said he had chosen to finish the pullback a few days early, beating the deadline set in the September accord form a government to replace that of with the PLO, as a signal that Mr. aimed at Jewish settlers in the West his slain predecessor, he donned a Rabin's assassination would not in-Bank and residents of Israeli border suede leather jacket, toured the border terfere with the transfer of land and

staff and told reporters he was "as generals, whirling helicopter blades and a dramatic view of the Israeli town of Kokhan Vario about the security of Israel."

The new political map emerging copter tour, President Ezer Weizman here, he said, calls for "a highly sensitive mixture of collision to the said of collision to began consultations on formation of a

> disturb the normal life of people in the West Bank, whether Jewish people or Arab people."
>
> Merely by describing the Jewish

settlers as objects of his concern, Mr. Peres was extending an olive branch. In the environment of mutual vitriol that preceded his death, Mr. Rabin had mostly stopped trying to patch relations with the settlers.

As Mr. Peres conducted his heli- demands on Mr. Peres.



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A woman in the market square of Travnik, Bosnia-Herzegovina, a Muslim stronghold where fighting has subsided.

U.S. Peacekeepers: It's a Tough Sell

By Helen Dewar

confront a skeptical Congress over sending U.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia if talks in Ohio produce an accord, President Bill Clinton hopes to copy the success with legislators that George Bush had in advance of the Gulf War five years ago.

But the differences are profound, in-cluding Bosnia's lack of Gulf oil as a vital interest to defend and Mr. Clinton's lack of sure-footed command of foreign policy that President Bush had.

Another change is the high degree of doubt about a Bosnia mission even among Mr. Clinton's fellow Democrats, to

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a greater extent than Mr. Bush faced among Republicans.

Mr. Clinton also must deal with a large group of Republican freshmen, especially in the House, who seem far more willing to defy the president than Democrats were during the Gulf crisis.

The depths of Mr. Clinton's difficulties cannot be gauged before a peace agreement harder to make the case that our security is is reached, its details are known and the president makes his case. Some key law- Gulf." makers in both parties say they believe he can win if he plays his cards as well as Mr. so, he said, "because of the dismal ex-Bush did. But leading legislators already are predicting that Mr. Clinton will face a much tougher fight than his predecessor.

In a bluntly worded letter to the pres-

on Monday, the Senate majority leader, WASHINGTON — As he prepares to onfront a skeptical Congress over sending I.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia if talks

Bob Dole of Kansas, and the House speaker. Newt Gingrich of Georgia, said support in Congress for deploying U.S. forces in Bosnia is "virtually nil."

To win congressional support, "you will need to demonstrate to the Congress and the American people that the mission to Bosnia is vital to our national interests, it is well defined and achievable, and that it is the best option available," the two Republican leaders wrote

Mr. Dole and Mr. Gingrich explicitly warned Mr. Clinton against reaching an agreement at the U.S.-led peace talks just outside Dayton, Ohio, while assuming that Congress would approve sending troops to back an accord.

'It would be the gravest possible mistake to reach agreement in Dayton and then to find you do not have the support of the American people and Congress," they

Comparing Mr. Clinton's and Mr. Bush's challenges, Senator John McCain of Arizona, a Republican member of the difficulties are far greater now because it's ov at stake in Bosnia than it was in the

Mr. Clinton's difficulties are greater alperience with peacekeeping in Somalia and fidence in this administration's ability to

The administration has emphasized that it will only send troops to Bosnia if a strong peace accord is reached, thus minimizing the risk to American soldiers.

Considerable progress has been made in Dayton, however, and if an agreement is reached then administration officials said they planned to launch a campaign to persuade Congress of the need for U.S. peacekeepers. A key element in the effort is likely to be an appearance before Congress by President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, a Muslim, to argue the case for sending

Muslim, to argue use case for salaring troops.

Mr. Clinton is hoping to reproduce parts of the strategy that Mr. Bush used with lawmakers. Five years ago, Mr. Bush faced a skeptical Congress whose Democratic majority badgered him to seek legislative approval before launching an offensive to retake Kuwait. Mr. Bush did so, while reserving his constitutional right to act if Congress turned him down. After a dogged effort to massage lawmakers' taut nerves, he won their approval, and they jointly celebrated a big victory when it was all Armed Services Committee, said, "The celebrated a big victory when it was all

Mr. Clinton has said he will "request an expression of congressional support" but, like Mr. Bush and other past presidents, has said he would not be bound by a congressional rejection. Mr. Bush only sought and Croats that was at the heart the O.K. of Congress before actually atelsewhere, because of the lack of con-fidence in this administration's ability to thousands of U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia Bosnian war would spread has conduct a foreign policy operation and without getting approval from Congress.

With Bosnia Talks At Critical Phase, It's Now or Never

By Roger Cohen
Non York Times Service

DAYTON, Ohio - With Bosnian peace talks at a standoff over territory, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher began Tuesday what administration officials called a lastditch attempt to prod the parties toward an overall settlement.

The Serbs and the Bosnian vernment are taking irreconcilable positions on territory right now," said a senior official close to the negotiations. "So we're bringing Christopher in for as much as two days, and my guess is we'll either close this thing down or come out with a success."

After almost two weeks of talks, the officials said that fatigue and a mild sense of confinement were beginning to set in among the delegations at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and that the next few days would probably be decisive.

Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, painted a rather different picture of the status of the talks and the nature of Mr. Christopher's visit. He said that the Bosnian negotiations could continue into next week and that the secretary of state would leave Tuesday evening for a meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Confer-

the agreement reached Sunday on the Serbs' surrender of eastern Slavonia to Croatian conof Yugoslavia's disintegration.

thus apparently been eliminated in the slaughter of Muslims.

and an avenue has been opened to the gradual improvement of relations between the two

largest ethnic groups in the area, Serbs and Croats. This amounts to a decisive development that renders the logic of war in the Balkans far less compelling.

But a settlement of the territorial dispute in Bosnia that lies at the heart of the conflict there remains elusive. Over the last few days, intensive discussion has been dedicated to these issues, with little or no progress, officials said. On every territorial issue, the

Muslim-led government presses for solutions that tend to promote unity, while the Serbs want a self-sufficient entity that might be joined with Serbia one day, the officials said.

The status of Sarajevo, the

capital, has already proved a poisonous issue.

At least one plan for the city's administration has been ripped up in the face of Serbian objections. In essence, the Serbs reject any unified municipal administration because they fear that this will only lead to a Muslim-dominated city council, reflecting the Muslim

majority in the city. Another difficult issue is that of the so-called Posavina corridor, the narrow strip of land south of Brcko that connects

Serbia with the largest Serb-held city in Bosnia, Banja Luka. The Serbs want the strip widened to provide a flight corridor from Belgrade to Banja Luka. But the Bosnian government effectively wants the cor-ridor eliminated. These positions appear virtually irreconcilable.

General Is Promoted President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia promoted a Bosnian Croatian militia officer Tuesday despite his indictment for

war crimes by a UN tribunal. State television said General Tihomir Blaskic had been appointed an inspector in the main inspectorate of the Croatian Army a day after being charged with five other Bosnian Croats

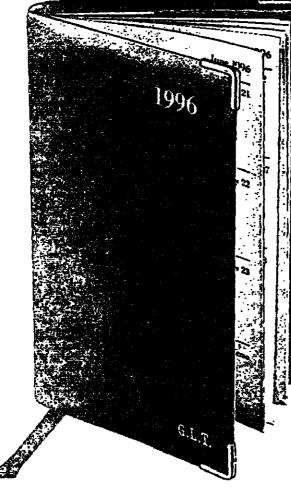
Top Leaders Won't Quit, Rebel Serb Report Says

BELGRADE — The two top leaders of the Bosnian Serbs, indicted as war criminals, will keep their posts despite U.S. pressure to remove them, the Bosnian Serbs' news agency reported Tuesday.

The report appeared to refute an article in NIN, an influential Belgrade weekly, which said recently that President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia had reached agreement with the Bosnian Serbs' political leader, Radovan Karadzic, and their military commander, Lieutenant General Ratko Mladic, for their 'quiet departure" once a peace accord for the region was signed.



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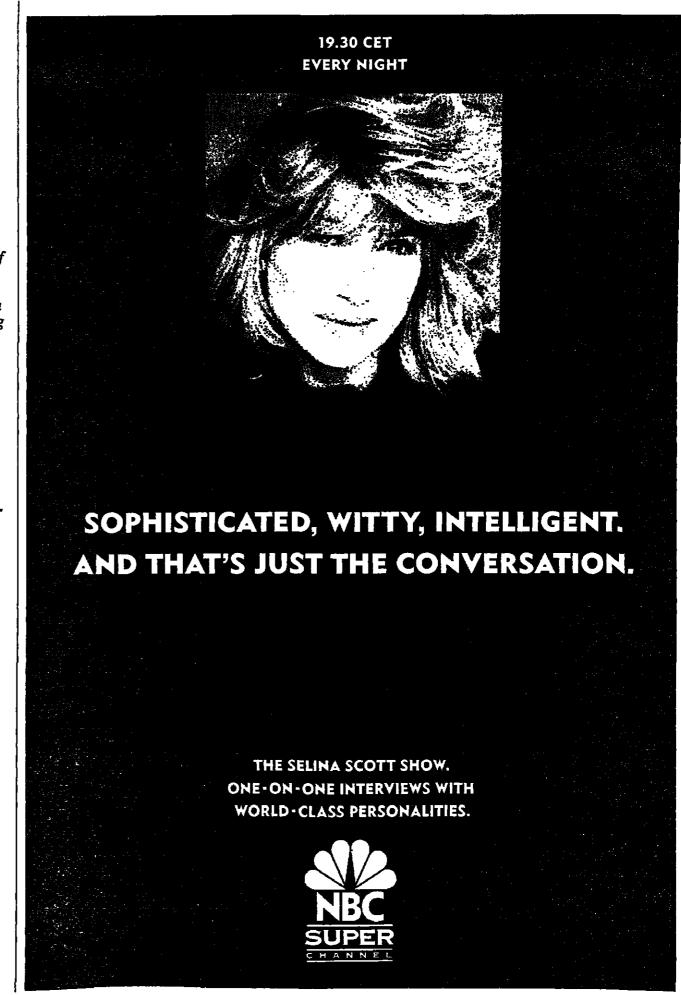
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EU Mishandled \$6.8 Billion In 1994 Budget, Audit Finds

STRASBOURG. -- The European Union's financial watchdog assailed the European Commission and the EU's member countries on Tuesday for mishandling more than \$6.8 billion of last year's EU bud-

In a report on the bloc's fi-nances, the EU Court of Auditors confirmed that about 5.27 billion European Currency Units, or more than 7 percent of the 73 billion Ecu (\$97 billion) EU budget, had been paid in error or without adequate

that resulted in as much as 2.39 the European Commission was charged to the EU budget.

A further 2.88 billion Ecus in

spending was apparently subet to incorrect contract and ndering procedures.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

curb a citizens' disarmament

campaign that is threatening to

getting out of control. There is a

possibility for provocation,"

said Mr. Aristide of the latest

protests. "We will never accept

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aid to Eastern Europe.

Greece. Spain and Italy were singled out for allegedly being paid large sums of EU funds for farm produce that was substandard or simply did not exist.

In an address to the European Parliament, the president of the Court of Auditors, André Middlehoek, cited "weaknesses." 'unsatisfactory financial administration" and a "continuing need for better improvement."

Speaking to a committee Monday, he blamed 80 percent Among the findings were of the spending errors on the 12 members that were in the Euerrors" in payments ropean Union last year but said

> aging procedures introduced by the new commission that of-

Aristide Appeals for Order

UN to Help Curb Illegal Arms Searches

ty was murdered in Port-au-

The UN special envoy to

Haiti, Lakhdar Brahimi, calling

weapons searches by civilians

Prince on Nov. 8.

areas of spending, including agricultural guarantees, fisheries, regional aid, research and for money" and "rigorous" financial management.

The commission said in a statement that it was reassured by the court's comments on improvements. But it also said that the report offered "an incomplete picture of events.

Some criticisms of 1994 failures, it said, would already have been overtaken by reforms initiated this year.

The court reserved much of its sharpest criticism for member countries. Agriculture came in for particular attack. The court said that the processing of citrus fruit into juice in both Greece and Italy was not properly controlled and that there was no assurance that aid had been justified.

"In several member states, it added, "produce which did not meet quality standards for ndering procedures.

Fered "the prospect of changing aid was withdrawn from the Errors were found in most what has been a rather lax market with such aid."

A FOND FAREWELL - President Nelson Mandela of South Africa receiving a gift from a well-wisher Tuesday during a visit to a Maori area in New Zealand. Mr. Mandela was in the country for the biennial Commonwealth summit meeting.

EU Officials Draft An Arms Embargo To Punish Nigeria

Union officials drew up plans Tuesday for an arms embargo and other steps to punish Nige-

ria's military rulers for the execution of nine rights activists.

They held back from suggesting trade sanctions.

The proposals by a working group, including EU memberambassadors recalled from Nigeria, will be reviewed by EU ambassadors on Wednesday and could be adopted by the EU Council of Ministers on Friday.

There was a consensus to reaffirm and extend measures against the Nigerian military and military members of the regime," an official said, adding that care would be taken to avoid penalizing the Nigerian people.

Some countries suggested curbing Nigeria's oil exports.
"It has been mentioned by one no conclusions had been of envoys.

Comparis Our Staff From Disputation reached. Broader measures, BRUSSELS — European like trade sanctions or impounding the overseas assets of Nigeria's military rulers. were better left to the United Nations, the European officials

In Strasbourg, the European Parliament was drafting a resolution condemning Nigeria and calling for the arms embargo to be tightened and oil to

be used as a weapon." Separately, Nigeria said Tuesday that British scheming was behind its suspension from the Commonwealth.

State-run radio said Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth, which was ordered in reaction to the hangings of the author and minority rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others, was "the culmi-nation of a period of maneuvering and conspiracy.

More countries continued to recall their top diplomats from or two delegations," said another EU official, adding that

A Smiling Yeltsin Declares His Hand Is on the Rudder

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Looking stronger and healthier than he has in weeks, President Boris Yeltsin insisted Tuesday that he was keeping Russia under control from his hospital room.

Mr. Yeltsin, who appeared pale and slurred his words in a televised interview earlier this month, spoke clearly and looked and acted more energetic in a meeting with Kazakhstan's president, Nursultan Nazarbayev.

'I'm in full control of the rudder of the big Russian ship," the smiling leader, wearing a suit and tie, told camera crews. "I'm keeping my finger on the pulse."

Mr. Yeltsin was hospitalized Oct. 26 with his second bout of heart trouble in four months.

Montreal Gets UN Site

Haiti's countryside, and the miles) northwest of Port-au-

United Nations pledged help to Prince. The four fatalities

MONTREAL - Montreal has been chosen over Geneva,

Madrid and Nairobi to become headquarters of a United Nations environmental secretariat to protect the world's animals and plants.

Government representatives from around the world selected Montreal on Monday after eight months of competition. The secretariat, to open in about six months, will employ 23 persons and have an annual budget of \$8 million.

Four people were killed and illegal, said that the United Nanine were wounded by gunfire tions would not continue to President Jean-Bertrand during a pro-government Aristide has appealed for order demonstration Monday in Gostand by idly. "We cannot help the population commit illegal acts," he said. after violence spread into naïves, 150 kilometers (95

"Only the police can search vehicles, only the police can conduct searches," he said.

brought to seven the death toll from demonstrations around the On Monday, the Haitian Nacountry since a member of Partional Police began carrying out liament from Mr. Aristide's para new policy of disarmament, declaring all weapons permits to be suspended indefinitely.

Street protests broke out Saturday in Port-au-Prince after Mr. Aristide gave an angry speech at the funeral of his cousin, Jean-Hubert Feuille, the lawmaker who was assassinated last week. Although violence later diminished in the capital, it spread into rural areas where many Aristide supporters are angry that he cannot run for re-election in balloting scheduled for Dec. 17. Mr. Brahimi said that Mr. Aristide had reiterated Haiti's continuing need for UN peacekeepers in a meeting Monday, and both men pledged to continue working together. (Reuters, AFP)

BUDGET: Real Issue Is Balance

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Mr. Clinton's bottom line. agree, are inevitable. The question is when they will begin.

House and Senate negotiators are nearing completion of their reconciliation package and expect to send it to the White House at the end of this sible, making it the centerpiece week. Mr. Clinton has of the 1996 presidential and promised to veto the measure, congressional campaigns. asserting that the Republican Party is moving faster than is rejects that scenario, because it necessary toward a balanced budget and is trying to slash

social programs. resolution of the crises over Faced with the rise of the short-term spending and debt. For their part, House Repub-

The House Budget Commit-

Cooper movie "High Noon": 'At some point, we're walking out of that saloon and if we have Those negotiations, both sides to have a battle, we have to have a battle.

Some White House officials and outside advisers believe the best possible outcome for Mr. Clinton would be to postpone the budget fight as long as pos-

Officially, the White House would put Mr. Clinton in the position of arguing - rather than governing - for the next Betting that public outrage year. Unofficially, however. over a government shutdown some advisers believe it would

Embassies Expect Little Effect From Shutdown of Government

International Herald Tribune

The partial U.S. government shutdown will apparently limit some embassy and consular operations to emergency services around the world, but will have little impact at other embassies, at least initially.

A State Department spokeswoman in Washington said that emergency services would include help in disaster evacuation and in dealing with the deaths of Americans over-

Included on a case-by-case basis were other citizen services such as visits in jail, the distribution of U.S. government benefits and the replacement of lost passports.

An American who loses a passport would not have it replaced unless it were a "life or death" situation, the spokeswoman said.

The U.S. embassies in London and Paris reported normal operations Tuesday.

A spokesman in Paris said that passport and other consular operations had not been affected. Most of the clerical work is done by French staff, who cannot be furloughed under

A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in London said that "all public services will continue as normal for the time being." She had received no word of staff reductions or service cuts.

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo, the largest American embassy in the Middle East, said Tuesday that it would stop delivering visas except in emergencies and close other services as of Wednesday. It added that the American Center in Alexandria would reduce its operations because of the shutdown.

"Now that the authorities see the suburban ghettos. they have a potential fifth col- But the government already from the huge pool of the angry, umn of angry, state-hating appears torn over whether to

FRANCE: Alarmed by Arab Alienation and Anger

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alienated and unemployed.

age are so frustrated they allow

of France Plus, an organization gration has failed at every level of French society in the past 20

About half of the people my seen as martyr, a kind of Robin olence. Hood who defied the state. Un-

"Marshall Plan" to resuscitate Palestinians against Israel.

North Africans, they think giv- devote the lion's share of those "It's not hard to see why a lot ing them a few peanuts will resources to creating jobs and will fall primarily on the Regive them the opportunity to of guys turn to violence," said calm them down," Mr. Dah- other productive outlets for publicans, the White House has build on what they see as grow-Hassan Drif. 25, another jobless mani said. "But things have young North Africans or to give been adamant that there will be ing public opposition to the Renorm district outside Paris. kal was the last straw. He is now more effective tools to fight vi-

themselves to be manipulated less there is a dramatic change, anti-immigrant National Front because they feel so worthless. we could fall into the abyss of Areski Dahmani, president civil war within five years." party, Mr. Juppé's government lican leaders hope that if they is coming under pressure to can blame Mr. Clinton they can Prime Minister Alain Juppe crack down on what some force him to start negotiating that strives to promote ethnic has pledged to make integration members have described as an harmony, said: "Racial inte- one of his top priorities in com- intifada, or uprising, by Arab has pledged to make integration members have described as an their package sooner. ing months. He has promised to youths that must be crushed, unveil by the end of the month a just like the intifada by young John R. Kasich, Republican of

SECURE: For Summit Meeting, Japanese Police Nail Down the Lid

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leaders are still being sought. But even in their zeal, the tee chairman, Representative police have not forgotten their John R. Kasich, Republican of manners. They sent letters to Ohio, has likened it to the Gary Japan's 7,700 licensed sword owners and 425,000 registered owners of rifles and shotguns (handguns are illegal). Each began with a cheerful wish for a pleasant autumn, then asked question be kept in its lock-box which the police also inspect once a year.

know that Osaka hopes to be derstanding, too. play host for the 2008 Olympic now would be a big boost.

tions to the letter. The police told him that if to disrupt the meeting. anyone telephoned with suspithat the weapon, or tool, in cious inquiries about his nailsomeone calling himself as a official. police officer comes to his door

bikers, carpenters and duck to ask for identification. hunters don't seem to complain The police say motorcycle would get far. The police have someone with a hammer." he about inconvenience. They gang members are being un- locked Osaka tight. Trash cans said.

Osaka vibrates with motor-

"These strict controls are ways courteous, measures to much better than something keep motorcycle gangs off the helicopters, and even a blimp, happening," said Mr. streets during the conference. Sasamori, 39, who said he Police have been knocking on thinks this is a little silly. would follow police instruc- doors all over Osaka to urge motorcycle gang members not

"We told them it's better to work seriously," said Takao police registration of the tools. gun, he should call the police. If Honda, a senior Osaka police

Even if the gangs wanted to And in typical fashion, the to inspect the tool, he was told disrupt the night during the leaders, it's much easier to hit

have been removed or sealed. More than 1,000 police officers Games, and a smooth showing cycle gang activity. Policemen have been added just to handle have taken ambitious, but al- traffic in central Osaka. They will be watching the city from Still, at least one person

> Kazuo Kurita, whose company manufactures nail-guns, said Japan was the only country in the world that requires the He said he could not imagine a nail-gun being an effective weapon, let alone a threat to the

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UNION: Germany's Monetary Leadership Continues to Grow Stronger

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German economic policies. Now. Europe's set of requirements for fiscal behavior that would take effect after the start of a single

Yet while nearly all economists agree it inate freedom of maneuver for most other bility. European government policy makers. "If Maastricht ties one hand of policy

makers behind their backs," said Alison Cottrell, an economist with PaineWebber

in London, "then this new German move would be like tying your feet together." In other words, the new German-dictated requirements mean that the range of economic policy options that might normally be discussed and debated in most European democracies could end up being sharply curtailed. And that inability to contemplate a spectrum of policies — in-cluding the option of deficit spending that monetary union be delayed, a taboo on aimed at reflating an economy to fight

German suzerainty over the rest of Europe.

with national governments ceding most of

their sovereignty over economic policy. The influence of Germany over the rest of the Continent was underscored again Tuesday when Alexandre Lamfalussy. president of the European Monetary Institute, the forerunner of a future European central bank, said he shared "entirely" Mr. TOUR OFFICE IN LONDON 7Dp per day, Mail, Phone, Fee, Te, all services. Tel (1971 436 0766, Fee (1971 890 3729)
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Democrats taking up the issue of a single or two to reduce the country's runaway most powerful economy is creating another currency vs. the Deutsche mark Tuesday as deficits. For Mr. Kohl, it could mean not they began a party conference in having to push the German people into Mannheim and the government's own council of five top economic experts hinting heavily that it might be better to delay

Mannheim and the government's own giving up the mark just before they cast their ballots in the 1998 general election.

Ms. Cottrell at PaineWebber said she

> While the German government's unis setting Europe's agenda, it is also true cy."
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> "I think that if France really thought it "I think that if France really thought it compromising approach means that Bonn will not be traded for a weaker currenbehind Germany's insistence that all

In the last two weeks, ever since leading members of the floundering Social Demothe issue has been broken: It is now perunemployment - could lead to a de facto missible to call into question the singlecurrency plan — which Chancellor Helmut Kohl sees as his personal legacy for Europe at century's end.

But the tough talk from leading government and Bundesbank officials has also persuaded some economists and politicians ernments resembled their own. that Mr. Waigel and Chancellor Kohl may wish to leave the door open to a delay in

monetary union. A face-saving mechanism, or just setting eventually prove helpful to both Germany more binding on everyone else."

Yet in Germany, the debate remains and France. For President Jacques Chirac wide open, with the opposition Social of France, it could offer a crucial extra year

is desirable to reduce budget deficits, the German stability pact would virtually elimthe start of monetary union than to risk a thought Mr. Waigel was "using the start in 1999 that could generate instability pact not because he and Kohl think it bility pact not because he and Kohl think it will happen, but in order to persuade the German electorate that the Deutsche mark

> would happen they wouldn't be so keen on prospective member countries must meet the Waigel proposal," she said, adding that and even go beyond the stiffest terms for a the sheer implementation of a system of single currency set out in the Maastricht penalties would be "an administrative nightmare.

> Julian Jessop, European economist at HSBC Markets Research in London, said cratic opposition began styling themselves Tuesday that he thought Europe's singlecurrency plan would ultimately fail "at the final hurdle" because the German people did not wish to give up the Deutsche mark and because Parliament would not vote for

monetary union in 1998. He stressed, however, that whether for domestic political or pan-European reasons, the Germans wanted to assure that the economic policies of all European gov-

"The Germans," said Mr. Jessop, "clearly want either direct control over fiscal policy in other countries through a mechanism that provides more political federalism or, if potentially costly sanctions or impossibly that is not possible, then the idea is to make high criteria for EMU members, could the convergence criteria for monetary union

Herald Tribune

Balance in Saudi Arabia

It is too early to draw firm conclusions The U.S. economy depends on benign about the explosion that rocked Saudi Arabia's capital on Monday, destroying a United States-run National Guard training building and killing four Americans. They were part of a group of about 100 Americans training Saudi forces in the use of weapons imported from the United States. Two obscure Islamic groups claimed responsibility. Both Washington and Riyadh continue to investigate the incident.

The attack is a reminder of the inherent vulnerability of the American position in Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil producer and the largest pro-Western state in the Gulf region. As the Gulf war made clear, the Saudi regime depends on American military protection against larger neighbors like Iran and Iraq. Yet the regime, while it remains firmly in control, has seen its grip challenged in recent years by the radical brand of political Islam that is sweeping the Middle East.

Some Saudi Islamic groups are homegrown, others receive substantial support from Iran and Sudan. In recent months these groups have threatened violence, issued ultimatums against the presence of Americans and carried out at least one terrorist operation.

Under present circumstances. Washington has little choice but to maintain close relations with the Saudi monarchy.

Saudi oil-pricing policies. Yet despite big arms purchases from the United States, the sparsely populated kingdom is incapable of defending itself against much larger neighbors. Saudi political considerations rule out basing large numbers of American troops on Saudi soil, so Washington sells enormous quantities of advanced weapons and helps train Saudi troops.

The regime faces increasing challenge at home as well as from abroad. Open political discussion is largely limited to issues concerning religious doctrine and practice, especially the role of women. But more prosaic issues, like corruption and the management of fiscal resources that have been less flush since the oil price drop of the mid-1980s and the huge expenses of the Gulf war, are often at play beneath the surface.

These challenges push American policy in two potentially conflicting direc-tions. To reduce the risk of future upheavals, Washington needs to encourage a more open political system and more prudent economic management, as well as more effective self-defense. Yet to avoid provoking Islamic sensitivities it needs to keep its advice and its presence low-key. It will not be any easier to maintain that balance after Monday's attack.

Avoidable Shutdown

On the budget, the president and the congressional Republicans are both indulging in theater at the expense of substance. If the public is put off by it, well, it ought to be. Examples abound.

The Republicans attached to the debt ceiling bill last week a 112-page amend-ment that no one had seen before. It turned out to be the bulk of the regulatory reform proposal that they, with good cause, have had so much trouble getting through the Senate under the regular rules. They were able to say to the business and other constituencies that favor the proposal: Look what we've done for you. But the president could say to some of his constituencies, when he vetoed the measure: Look what I've done for you. In fact, neither of them had done anything, but never mind.

The president was meanwhile claiming that he could not possibly sign the continuing resolution to keep the gov-ernment operating because the Republicans had dropped into it their proposal for higher Medicare premiums. But, as the Republicans have rightly observed, premiums would also rise in the years ahead under the Medicare proposals that the president has made. There are lots of ways to figure these things, but the Republicans say that by the year 2002, when they want to balance the budget, the premium under their plan would be about \$88 a month and the premium under the president's plan about \$83. That is hardly the fundamental policy difference that the president implied.

Sure, there are basic policy disputes underlying all this and waiting to be resolved. But they are not resolving them, not yet at least. They are trying to score political points.

The president, justifiably uneasy about position firmly. The Republican leaders determination noted. So how it looks is to principle but of incompetence. mainly what it is about on both sides.

The worst of the situation is that on the substance of the money bills, sensible compromises are within reach. If the president and his congressional adversaries let the federal agencies slide into a semishutdown, it is because they consider the imperatives of image and position to be more compelling, at least for the moment,

than the business of government. If they were interested in compromise, they would not have far to look. On Monday the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, Pete Domenici, suggested that the whole Medicare issue in this bill could be set aside by simply freezing the pre-mium at its present level while the broader questions of Medicare were resolved. Nobody seemed much interested, either at the White House or among Senator Domenici's colleagues in Congress.

Similar opportunities are in sight for the much more important differences over spending and benefits that lie behind the current dramatics. Both the president and the Republican Congress are committed to a balanced budget. The most serious questions are how best to do it without injuring people who are already poor or near-poor, and those questions are hardly being mentioned currently by either side. But useful answers are readily available, as a group of conservative Democrats headed by Representative Charles W. Stenholm of Texas demonstrated in a comparatively sensible budget proposal that has been brushed off by

e leadership of both parties. When Lyndon Johnson was Senate majority leader a generation ago, he was famous for asking his contentious colleagues whether they wanted a quarrel or a bill. For the present, both the president and Congress seem to want a quarrel. But gently wants to be seen as holding his discover that voters interpret this easily avoidable shutdown of government ofof Congress wish to have their zeal and fices as a demonstration not of devotion

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Drama in Guatemala

A ragged but hopeful drama is un-folding in Guatemala as the country human and social toll, ignited violence where the Cold War started in the Western Hemisphere struggles to put its ordeal behind. The elections now under way are the first in which all parties to Latin America's longest war have joined in a common political enterprise. But free and fair elections, it turns out, are a necessary but not sufficient condition for making democracy work.

The actual process on Sunday went well. A two-week election cease-fire between government and guerrillas showed a welcome mutual discipline. But Guatemala lacks the strong democratic parties and interest groups of a mature civil society. A runoff of the top two (of 19) candidates on Jan. 7 will pit Alvaro Arzú, an outward-looking businessman of the right who speaks (in mostly Mayan Guatemala) against racial discrimination, and Alfonso Portillo, designee of a populist dictator with a military record harsh and contemptuous of law even by

Guatemalan standards.

The United States interrupted Guatemala's democratic development in 1954, sponsoring a coup against an elected president thought by Washington to be dangerously left-leaning. The civil war that across Central America and postponed any real prospect of democratic rebirth until the Cold War had come to an end.

When that moment came, it was agreed that others, not Washington, should take a patron's role. In large and largely unnoted service, the United Nations has mediated government-guerrilla accords on human and indigenous rights (with itself as monitor) and (with implementation still to come) on resettling refugees and docu-menting past abuses. Still to be sorted out: land reform, demobilization, subordina-

tion of the military. This last goal requires the United States to apply its own Cold War lessons. That means going beyond trying to encourage an open society and an open economy. It means exorcising anything that even faintly suggests a lingering Pentagon or CIA license for Guatemalan thuggery. The human rights groups find American policy pulling its human rights punches in the name of preserving American influence to deliver the armed forces to political reform. The two goals are in tension, but not in irreconcilable tension, if the United States will work at it.

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American Forces Should Remain Based in Japan

HONOLULU — Should U.S. forces remain based in Japan following Japanese outrage at the recent rape and assault of a schoolgirl by American servicemen on Okinawa?

The short answer is "yes," because it is in the national security interests of both America and Japan for U.S. troops to stay, and because the incident, horrible as it was, does not reflect the behavior of the overwhelming majority of the 47,000 U.S. military personnel based in Japan.

The question of whether U.S. forces have a role to play in Japan and elsewhere in Asia after the end of the Cold War has been a frequent topic of debate. Such debate should continue. But, as with any discussion involving national security interests, it should be well reasoned and based on facts, not on misinformation and emotion-laden exaggerations. Chalmers Johnson, in "Why Keep U.S. Forces in Japan?" (IHT Opinion, Nov. 7), has done little to contribute to meaningful debate and much to fan emotional flames.

In his latest attack on the continued presence of American forces in Northeast Asia, Mr. Johnson shows ignorance of, or disregard for, the facts. He accuses the Clinton administration of "acting like a colonial power" because it maintains Status of Forces agreements with Japan and

'What we are talking about here," says Mr. Johnson, "is extraterritoriali- now essentially mirrors the agreement

By Ralph A. Cossa

ty," which he properly defines as a refusal to permit one's citizens to be tried under the laws of the country in which an alleged crime occurs. Even as CNN brings us television pictures of the American servicemen being marched into a Japanese court before a Japanese judge, Mr. Johnson appears unable to grasp the difference between ensuring that one's citizens receive proper legal treatment and "extraterritoriality."

Try as it might (and it clearly does try), the U.S. military cannot control the conduct of all its members, at home or abroad. When civil laws are broken, soldiers are not exempted from trial or punishment. But U.S. defense officials are responsible for ensuring that military personnel, when stationed overseas, receive legal protection commensurate with that enjoyed by citizens at home. Hence the continued

wherever American troops are based. Mr. Johnson fans the flames of discontent by noting that extraterritoriality reflected the Western belief that "Asian law was barbaric," and then notes that this outdated Western assertion still applies to Japan and South Korea. He fails to note that the Japan Status of Forces agreement, as a result of a recent side letter,

necessity for Status of Forces agreements

group of barbarians, America's European and Canadian allies in NATO. William Perry, the U.S. secretary of defense, during his recent visit to Seoul, started talks to bring the Status of Forces

agreement for South Korea more in line with the one in Japan. American servicemen accused of crimes in South Korea are also tried in local courts and, if found guilty, go to local jails to serve their time. In both the Japanese and the Korean cases, the debate

has been over at what point in the process

they are turned over to host nation custody, not whose laws they must obey or whose courts they are tried in. Mr. Johnson accuses the Pentagon of looking for a public relations ploy rather than addressing the basic question about why U.S. forces are needed. His accusation dismisses the Defense Depart-

ment's recent East Asia Strategy Review as providing "equivocal answers."
Instead, he claims that the "real reason" for the U.S. presence is distrust of Japan, which America wants to keep as a

permanent ward." The U.S. military stationed in Japan and South Korea helps promote stability in a region vital to American interests but still rife with distrust.

The military presence guards against a resumption of hostilities, increases U.S. ability to deter crises in the region, and

between the U.S. military and that other demonstrates America's commitment to its friends and allies. The presence serves as a hedge against uncertainty and averts a 'power vacuum'' that others who do not necessarily share America's interests

might be tempted to fill. In short, it is a low-cost insurance policy that helps guard against future re-

gional instability while protecting and promoting American national interests.

The U.S. military presence protects and promotes Japanese and South Korean interests as well. If this military presence were so "deeply insulting," why did the Japanese government just agree to provide an additional \$500 million a year in host nation support, bringing its annual compensation to help offset U.S. basing costs to \$5 billion?

And why has the South Korean government just agreed to increase its level of host nation support by 10 percent a year for each of the next three years?

Emotions have been running high over the Okinawa rape case and the continuing Status of Forces agreement debate in South Korea, Mr. Johnson fans the flames of discontent. His comments are a disservice to the people of both nations, and to American personnel stationed there.

The writer, executive director of the Pacfic Forum/CSIS think tank in Hon-olulu, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Japan Wants Open Prosperity in the Diverse Asia-Pacific Region

TOKYO — The 50th anniver-L sary of the end of the war, in 1995, is of great historical sig-nificance not only for Japan but for all of the peoples of the Asia-Pacific region. It is both a time to look back on our history and a time to open the way to a better future. We find new strength, hope and inspiration in the striking advances

achieved by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. On Sunday, the APEC economic leaders gather in Osaka to build an even greater sense of community grounded in Asia-Pacific economic dynamism. I am keenly aware of our grave re-sponsibility for APEC's further

development. Japan is determined to further strengthen its bonds of mutual understanding and trust with its Asia-Pacific neighbors and to work in the APEC forum to enhance its cooperation in the economic sphere and hence to contribute to the region's stability and development.

Since taking office as prime minister, I have visited the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and China. I have seen firsthand their determination to deregulate and privatize, to foster cutting-edge industries, and I have been impressed by their drive for sound economic devel-

opment for a brighter future. The Asia-Pacific region today features proactive initiatives for market opening and liberalization comes of striking economic growth. The time is past when Asian markets could be seen as tightly closed to protect indigenous industry from the threat of Western competition.

The APEC members account for about 40 percent of the world population and world trade and about 60 percent of world GDP. Crucial to the world economy and with a bright future before them. these countries are making deter-mined efforts for trade and investment liberalization and facilitation and for further promotion of economic and technical cooperation. APEC is fast becoming one of By Tomiichi Murayama

The writer is prime minister of Japan.

frameworks for the prosperity of its member peoples. Since its founding, APEC has stood out from other regional frameworks in its advocacy of open regional cooperation and free trade. With much of the world rightly concerned about the rise of exclusionary regionalism and protectionism, APEC has an extremely important role to play as a framework for open regional cooperation to sustain and strengthen the WTO-centered multilateral free-trading system.

Given APEC's importance, President Bill Clinton convened the region's economic leaders for a visionary meeting the year before last in Seattle, and President Suharto set forth the long-term goals for liberalization last year in Bogor, Indonesia. As chair of this year's leaders meeting, my main task is to get APEC to translate these goals into action.

Specifically, we need to devise framework for implementing the leaders' political will, as stated in Bogor, to achieve free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific no later than 2010 for the industrialized economies and 2020 for the developing economies, and to intensify development cooperation.

This framework is in the action agenda drawn up by Japan and the other APEC members — a road the member economies on the way to achieving the Bogor goals.
With the drafting of this action

agenda, the Osaka meetings mark APEC's transition from concept to action. I intend to fulfill Japan's responsibilities as this year's chair and to get a meaningful action agenda adopted that will provide specific guidelines for long-term cooperation and development for all the peoples of the Asia-Pacific region.

Economic and technical cooperation is also important, as are trade and investment liberalization and facilitation, for reducing ecothe most important cooperative nomic disparities in the region.

Japan proposed a Partners for Progress mechanism in Bogor that we will flesh out in Osaka consistent with the action agenda, so that APEC can make a bigger effort to address such regional issues as human resources development and technology transfer.

Each of the APEC member economies is going to bring a list of initial actions to Osaka stating what it can do now for liberalization and facilitation. Taking the initiative as chair, Japan will unveil a meaningful list of initial actions in such areas as accelerating implementation of the Uruguay Round commitments and deregulating. APEC's trade and investment

liberalization is to be achieved with concerted action grounded in voluntarism and collective initiative. The APEC membership is

economically and culturally and there are major differences in its members' economic systems. stages of development and levels of liberalization. It is wiser and more realistic to respect each member economy's voluntary initiatives for market opening and to take collective action, with continuing consultations and reviews aimed at ensuring that the different economies' actions are balanced and concerted.

Recognizing the benefits of liberalization, a number of APEC economies have voluntarily reduced their tariffs since the conclusion of the Uruguay Round. This has been called a unique Asia-Pacific way. It might be likened to an orchestra in which each member is playing his or her own instrument yet the result is a harmonious performance.

Together with the other leaders in Osaka. I intend to exercise the necessary leadership so that each player can be at his or her best and extremely diverse - politically, the first movement of this historic

APEC symphony is music to ev-

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eryone's ears.
Today's obvious economic growth has generated manifest optimism in the Asia-Pacific region, Yet, coupled with population growth, it will almost inevitably, result in more demand for food and energy resources and increased pressures on the environment. We must not ignore these and other challenges that lie ahead.

From the long-term and strate-gic perspective, I expect the APEC member economies to join hands to deal with the various issues that threaten to hobble the building of an open and prosperous Asia-Pacific economy. It is imperative that we begin these collective efforts now so as to keep the Asia-Pacific flame of hope lit.

APEC's efforts to promote open regional cooperation are bound to contribute significantly to economic development not only in the Asia-Pacific region but throughout the world.

Europe Needs Still Freer World Trade

C TOCKHOLM — The signif-Dicance of the year 1996 in Europe tends to be concentrated on the EU Intergovernmental Conference. But 1996 is also the year for the first ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization, in Singapore. Initiatives long-term overall directions for trade are absolutely crucial for the economic future of Europe.

WTO progress is at least as vital for Europe as many of the internal issues about EU institutions, decision-making procedures and security arrangements, however important they may be, that will be discussed at the Intergovernmental Conference.

The rapidly changing world economy has entailed dramatic shifts in trading patterns. The forms of economic activity are changing. The multilateral trad-ing rules have to be adapted accordingly, if the system is to re-

main relevant. If we do not meet these re-

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quirements, for example by failing to reach multilateral trade fields such as telecommunications and investment, governments and the world business community could lose faith in the WTO from the start. The momentum to liberalize world trade has to be sustained.

The recent Stockholm Trade Policy Seminar, to which I invited trade ministers, academics and officials from different parts of the world, was the start of what has to be an intensive process of con-sultation to build a solid strategy for future trade liberalization. If we fail to meet the expec-

tations for the new WTO and for the WTO ministerial meeting in Singapore in December 1996, there is a clear risk that the results obtained in the Uruguay Round could be jeopardized. The world would then see new barriers to free trade, and a growing possibility of trade wars. This must not happen.

The results of the Uruguay Round are a foundation for the future work. We need to get on with the job, within the new framework of the WTO.

In the business sector it is often said that we need a new comprehensive round of multilateral trade negotiations like the Uruguay Round. Others argue in

the opposite direction: a major new trade round would be counterproductive, they say, and risk to freeze development for many years; they add that the way to proceed is by sectorial or item-by-

item negotiations. To concentrate now on plans for: is, in my view, not the best way to get results. It could rather create great frustration. In a number of areas (including agriculture and services), the WTO agreements already commit the members to. continued negotiations, to be com-pleted by specific dates. The WTO should be made competent to negotiate sector by sector.

Today we see dramatic devel opment in regional trade arrangements in all parts of the world -APEC, Mercosur, NAFTA, European Union, among others. This, is basically a positive sign, insofar as it reflects a desire to liberalize trade and open up markets. This has to be reflected in the new trade negotiation setup. These regional projects in trade integration can open up new ways for future global liberalization, and in many case

es have already done so. There is a need for change in the WTO procedures so as to linkdifferent regional agreements in such a way that countries outside: them could benefit from the libe eralization results. A good case, can be made for bringing matters; like this up for discussion at the ministerial meeting of the WTO

in Singapore in 1996.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Wine to Water PARIS - The Garde Republi-

caine is on strike at the present moment, but it is only a strike in which they refuse to drink wine. According to the *Petit Parisien* the brigadiers receive 1fr. 10c. per day for their food, without drink. Each garde consumes daily at his own expense one little of wine and one cup of coffee. He originally paid 60c. for the former, and it is because of the increase in price by 10c. that the men have foresworn all wines and spirits. They now will drink only water.

1920: Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON — Representative Albert Johnson of Washington, Chairman of the House Immigration and Naturalisation his committee will begin to-mortime to pour into the country in increasing numbers from troubled European nations. During the past week, 19,621 were admitted through Ellis Island.

1945: Deadly Discovery NEW YORK - The Allies have

uncovered a vast Nazi hoard of poison gas, totaling 250,000 tous in Western Germany alone, Brig-adier General Alden H. Waitt said in an interview here. The discovery gave evidence of the "amazing" extent of German preparedness for chemical warfare." General Waitt said that although the United States was producing "the most powerful. war gases known to science," the margin of supremacy might be forfeited by a lapse in continued research. As a "lesson in preparedness," he pointed out that Ger-Committee, has amounced that many never made use of her tremendous gas warfare potential; row [Nov. 15] to draw up a new even in the Normandy invasion! Bill to enforce greater restrictions on immigration. Immigrants con-

Getting In on the Action in Cuba

S AN FRANCISCO — Thanks to a Cubana Air flight from a West Indian isle. I recently joined the growing number of Americans who have crossed a final frontier of the Cold War. Cuba is one of the honest destinations in the Westem Hemisphere.

The tourists go for sun and sand, but they also bring change. And if enough Americans went, they could bring down their gov-

emment's embargo. Quite a few yanquis are al-ready there. Cuba may be communism's last haven, a Galapages of the Cold War, but more and more American executives

are scouting the terrain.
On Oct. 6, the day President Bill Clinton relaxed travel restrictions. Time Warner escorted an entourage of corporate executives to dine with the aging dictator in Havana. Fidel Castro's table included the heads of GM, Lockheed, the Gap. Sears, K-mart, Hyatt and two dozen other giants.

Most Americans still have to go via Mexico, or elsewhere in Latin America, or the Bahamas. As you would expect, they are an odd collection.

There was the author of bestselling thrillers, who confessed, when caught by surprise in a pizzeria near the old Havana Hilton, that he had come in search of material.

By Andrew Meier

There was the Southern Baptist, on leave from his floortiling business in Georgia, who had come to save the souls, as he put it, of "the voodoo shellflickers.

Most surprising were the prospectors eager to make the most of Mr. Castro's fading memory of Marxism. "Hundreds of American businessmen have been here," said a correspondent who has lived in Cu-ba for years. "They know the place is coming up for sale." Cuba drifts somewhere be-

tween communism and capitalism. In an air-conditioned hotel room in Havana you watch Bosnians on CNN waiting for bread, while a block away, in the ruins of a colonial villa, men carry home buckets of water five flights up marble stairs. You pay everywhere in dol-

lars and get change in the tourists-only currency — convertible to the dollar at one-toone. At a hotel bar you have two Coca-Colas, one from Mexico. one from Canada. Like the Campbell's and Gerber's in the dollars-only stores, they are the and trade with the enemy. forbidden fruit of NAFTA.

The Oklahoma oil-and-gas

find yourself "What embargo?" It's a nation open for business.

AT&T, Sprint and MCI have provided long-distance links. Benetton has billboards next to faded portraits of Che Guevara. Adidas and Mizuno sponsor Cuban athletes. The Italians have come to sell cars, the Canadians to dig for minerals, the Israelis to plant citrus groves, the Spanish to run resorts. In its strange intermezzo, Cu-

be has the desperate characters I

saw in Moscow a few years ago.

Pubescent prostitutes in search of

exit visas are outnumbered only

by the hard-currency scavengers who sense opportunity.

But the end may not loom so near for the old guerrilla. Fear pervades Mr. Castro's island, and there is no sign of any Cubano Lech Walesa mobilizing in the cigar factories. Mr. Castro's move in September to allow businesses wholly owned by foreigners will only fortify Cubans who have dollars, and who are

the backbone of his rule. Americans who want to bring democracy and free enterprise to Cuba needn't be stopped by the embargo. They can go, now,

Mr. Meier, who writes often man next to you orders a Jack about the former Soviet bloc, Daniels and a pack of Mari- contributed this comment to The boros. In Havana, in short, you New York Times.

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The U.S. Press Faces Two Threats: Its Own Judgment and Big Business

NEW YORK — Colin Pow-ell did make one slip during his elegant news conference declining to run for the presidency.

He was too nice to the press. That was generous, but it does not help the press, which has two increasing problems.

One comes from the tobacco business. The other comes from ourselves. To meet them, newspeople have to be clear-minded about both. Let's begin with ourselves.

General Powell was asked about the publication of a story saying that his wife was taking medication for depression. He said he had no complaints.

I do. Since in news judgment I am the former general, he the reluctant draftee, that set-

The story — first printed by The Philadelphia Inquirer and picked up by Newsweek — was not news, not pertinent and not our business. Mrs. Powell was not considering running for of-fice. Her medical history does not belong to the public unless

she chooses to announce it.

If the editors' rationalization was that his wife's problem might influence General Powell's decision, it would be a story only if she were refusing to take medication that helps her give sensible advice to her husband.

The fact that the story was printed implies that what millions of Americans do every day - obey medical instruction on handling depression is somehow pertinent when done by one person thrust into the news. It is no more pertinent than medication taken by the spouses of the editors.

By A. M. Rosenthal

Finally — for emphasis — it is an invasion of privacy. The press has to invade privacy ev-ery day. But I cling to the belief that journals that regard their role as responsible - and The Inquirer and Newsweek do have the moral and journalistic right to violate privacy only when necessary to make a significant news point, not because it is titillating or, shoot me, even

for a cockamamie exclusive. I am dealing with the respectable press. There are others whose existence depends on peddling gossip and violating privacy.

The mounting threat from business was shown on "60 Minutes" — more accurately. not shown. But Mike Wallace put the issue on the air straight

CBS management ordered the cancellation of an interview with a former executive of the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. who is critical of the industry. He signed a gag agreement when he joined the company. CBS lawyers feared the network could be sued as an accessory to breaking that agreement.

Perhaps there was risk, under legal interpretations in some states. But taking risks for an important cause is part of being in the news business, a payback for the First Amendment. If other news companies bow to having their mouths zippered by business, withour fighting to the Supreme Court, any worried manufacturer of anything from chemicals to baby rattles

will demand that every employee sign gag contracts. Farewell to vital consumer information that business prefers to keep quiet.

On June 14, 1971, hours before The New York Times was to print the third installment of the Pentagon Papers, Lord, Day & Lord, a law firm advising the paper, warned that the law would punish us severely. The lawyers walked out on the paper when it turned down their nervous - but, as the Supreme Court later decided, erroneous advice to desist at once.

The Times publishing management overrode those lawyers and stood with the news staff. Management and newspeople recognized that the question was not how could we publish that treasury of confidential documents on the conduct of the Vietnam War, but how could we not. It was a risk, but not as big as that taken by correspondents sent to battles, then and now, by

The Times, or by CBS. The privacy and business issues have a link, not so much legal as moral. More and more. the press unnecessarily vio-lates privacy, including that of people like Mrs. Powell who find themselves "public figwith little recourse to law. These invasions of privacy are constitutional. They are also disgusting.

So the press cannot be as-tonished if the public does not rush to its defense when business also exercises the right to be disgusting, by trying to shut the mouth of the press about certain matters. For instance, lung cancer.

The New York Times

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shared Problems

It is ironic that L, a Jordanian Arab who is also a law student, write to condemn the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Instead of plotting to kill his own prime minister, the Israeli law student assassin should have been spending serious thought on how to build upon the framework for a just and dignified peace for all.

The assassination has not only underlined the deep divisions engulfing all societies in the region on the issue of peace; it has also highlighted the very considerable risks regional leaders have chosen to undertake.

Whether they like it or not, Israelis and Arabs are now united by a new mutual bond: the tuture of the region.

Arabs and Israelis are also challenged by another mutual threat: religious extremism.

If we as citizens cannot confront extremists' vile acts, we should at least distance ourselves from their actions, physically and intellectually. The political vacuum that

Mr. Rabin has left may be difficult to fill. But it is now incumbent on the Israeli center to carry the torch of peace that the extremist Israeli right is relentlessly trying to douse. LU'AYY MINWER

AL-RIMAWI. London.

Sacre Bleu!

Regarding "Sacred Blue! The French President Spoke English" (Opinion, Oct. 26): Jacques Chirac is not the first French leader to speak English Georges Clemenceau lived for more than three years in the United States (1865-69). married an American girl and spoke perfect English. At the end of 1922, he toured the United States, delivering numerous speeches in the native language.

Gaulle did not readily speak English, probably because he felt incapable of mastering the pronunciation. But he never insisted on restricting himself in public to the French language. During his official visit to Germany in 1962, he delivered several short speeches in the "awful German language," quote Mark Twain.

As for Diderot, I don't know whether he spoke English, but he was interested in the language, writing an "Eloge de Richardson" in 1761. Voltaire, the greatest of all French 18th-century writers, was exiled to England and mastered the language.
PIERRE DELOYE.

Ville d'Avray, France.

Armenia's Reactor

Regarding "Armenia (Nuclear) Power Struggle" (Oct. 25): The author writes about "energy-starved" Armenia's plans to restart its nuclear reactor, which is not up to Western safety standards.

But, incredibly, no mention was made of the reason for the desperation that has forced Armenians to risk opening up the nuclear reactor at Metsamor. For more than five years, Ar-

menia has been under an economic blockade by Azerbaijan and has been deprived of all energy supplies and other basic necessities.

At the heart of this is the dispute over the Azerbaijan region of Nagomo-Karabakh, which is populated mostly by Armenians.

The West has watched this situation with total indifference, with not even an attempt at calling Azerbaijan to order. SONIA MEGHREBLIAN. Ivry-sur-Seine, France.

Court Clarification

As the registrar of the International Court of Justice, I have been asked by the president

It is true that Charles de of the court to write in connection with an article by Jeremy J. Stone entitled "When Nuclear Weapons Are Summoned Into Court (Opinion, Oct. 31). Mr. Stone referred to the re-

quest for advisory opinion submitted by the United Nations General Assembly on the question of the legality of the "Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons," which, together with a request for advisory opinion submitted by the World Health Organization on the question of the "Legality of the Use by a State of Nuclear Weapons in Armed Conflict." is currently the subject of hearings before the court.

The article stated that "in an amicus brief sent to the court, the Federation of American Scientists ... has urged it to consider the merits' of a Declaratory Proposition formulated by that body and, further on, that the federation had dared to put its "two bits into

these august proceedings.' I would like to point out that contrary to the impression that may have been given by the article, the amicus brief has been received by the court but has not been admitted as part of the record in these cases. It is, however, available to members of

the court in their library.

The court has received numerous documents, petitions and representations from nongovernmental organizations. professional associations and other bodies that, while they have no formal standing in the proceedings before it, wish to communicate their views on the subject matter of these important cases.

The court would like to make it clear that all such documents are given consistent treatment. and that the Federation of American Scientists has not been accorded more favorable consideration in this respect than any other body.

EDUARDO VALENCIA-The Hague.

Israel Is Sole Guarantor of Peace Among Jews

NEW YORK — The grief and ac-rimony surrounding the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has introduced a poisonous and dangerous concept: that somehow there is a basis in Jewish law for an individual to assassinate a leader deemed guilty of

betraying the interests of Jews.

Revolted as they are by the assertion by Yigal Amir, who confessed to the

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murder, that his action was an "obligation." many Jews find themselves confused about the legal underpinnings of the claim. In fact, there are none.

In recent days, leaders of the religious Jewish community have addressed this question. They argue that even under the most literal interpretations of Jewish traditions, there is no basis for anyone taking the law into his own hands and

carrying out an execution.
Free-lance individuals are not qualified to determine whether someone is a traitor, and violence is condoned only if all other efforts to stop a threat are exhausted

By Steven R. Weisman

This is an important and timely argument because the history of violent internecine conflict among Jews is longer than might be supposed. In-deed, it dates from biblical times.

There were terrible conflicts, for instance, between religious Jews and those who became captivated by the teachings and traditions of the ancient Greeks. Even now, religious Jews speak of secular Israelis as having Helenistic tendencies.

Later hatreds among the Pharisees, Sadducees and other sects and splinter groups are often cited by historians as a major reason why the Romans could destroy the Temple in Jerusalem and

subjugate the Jews.
Rivalries continued through medieval times and flared again with the rise of the Hasidic movement in 18thand 19th-century Europe.

The Zionist movement renewed the old conflicts in a new form, with its great split between the secular socialists of the Labor Party, for whom the

the larger goal of establishing a mod-ern democratic society, and the rightwing followers of Vladimir Jabotinsky, known as Revisionists, for whom the acquisition of land, meaning all of Palestine, was a historical or even di-

vine imperative. The birth of the modern Jewish state was also marked by episodes of frat-ricidal violence. Mr. Rabin's widow, Leah, was not alone in being reminded last week of the 1933 murder of Chaim Arlosoroff, the bright young star of the

Labor Party, presumably by a rightist. Embittered rightists, on the other hand, recalled an episode in 1948, during the war of independence, when right-wing Jewish forces defied Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's order to respect a truce and tried to deliver arms to a beach near Tel Aviv. As Israeli forces, which included the young Ra-bin, fired on the ship, it burst into flames, killing more than 80 Jews.

One of the great historical ironies of Israel is that Messianic Jews could take up the cause of hanging on to the land of Greater Israel only after Israel got

acquisition of land was only a means to hold of the West Bank and Jerusalem in the 1967 war - a war that succeeded because of the military prowess of a secular man, Yitzhak Rabin. But Mr. Rabin's conquest of these territories has been small consolation to the zealots in light of his willingness to

exchange land for peace. Most Israeli Jews are not religious, and only a tiny fraction of the most religious believe in taking the law into their own hands. But the assassination shows this fraction has the power to throw Judaism itself into turmoil.

Looking back over this long history conflict, the Israeli writer A. B. Yehoshua once wrote that all during their 2,000 years of exile after the Temple's destruction by the Romans, Jews carried a subliminal fear that, if ever they were to return to Jerusalem. the old hatreds would erupt again.

The point missed by the zealots now is that the modern democratic state of Israel, far from threatening the survival of Judaism, is the only guarantor that the violence that has been a part of Jewish history can be camed.

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They're Back! Will We Still Need Them When They're 64?

By Allan Kozinn New York Times Service

ONDON — "They used us as an excuse to go mad, the world did, and then blamed it on us," George Harrison observes a couple of hours into "The Beatles Anthology," the television documentary to which Harrison, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr have been contributing reminiscences for the last four years.

Back together for the project - with John Lennon represented by excerpts from radio and television interviews he gave before he was murdered in 1980 — their idea was to

tell the Beatles' story in their own words. The Beatles, after all, have been the most thoroughly dissected and analyzed musicians of the 20th century. They eclipse even Elvis Presley as the subject of books, documentaries and critical studies, not only because their work represents a creative peak in the history of popular music but also because they influenced the attitudes of a generation. Now fixtures in our culture, they

Liverpool to global fame was a matter of single-minded slogging. And as they approach their mid-50s, the time seemed right to put their memories on tape before they grew too murky or too encrusted in myth.

One thing that comes through in the where that spirit lives, it is on Abbey Road, in the elegantly appointed Knightsbridge headquarters of Apple, the company the Beatles founded in 1967 to oversee the band's business affairs.

Concert posters line a foyer wall that leads into the office, with its two-story wall of gold and platinum records and its reception area dominated by Richard Avedon's 1968 psychedelic portraits. Right now, Apple's staff of about five is putting into motion a plan meant to rekindle the world's fascination with the Fab Four. Apple's six-hour documentary, which will be

seemed to have leaped fully formed into the Nov. 22 and 23, and by ITV on Nov. 26, remember the stories the same. And this is views, and they cooperated with Hunter freshingly nonmonolithic. At times, contimelight. But their climb from obscurity in will be followed by home-video releases supposed to be the definitive, authorized Davies on an authorized biography, "The tradictions are so vivid that the production and a series of compact disks of previously thing. unreleased music.

The Beatles have added to the allure of the occasion by contributing two "new" songs, "Free as a Bird" and "Real Love." which were created when the surviving documentary is the group's ambivalence Beatles added vocal harmonies, instruments about Beatlemania. Yet if there is one place and new lyrics to two of Lennon's working tapes, supplied by his widow, Yoko Ono.

All this may net Apple \$130 million next year, according to Forbes magazine, which recently listed the Beatles as the world's best-paid rock band this year, a quarter century after their breakup. But money aside, the attraction of the

project for the Beatles is that after years of

reading, hearing and seeing others tell their story, it allows them to tell it as they remember it. And their memories, as it turned out, proved as fallible as anyone else's.

"Our memories were terrible," McCart-ney said recently in New York. "We found broadcast by ABC next Sunday and on that after all those years, none of us could

But it's no wonder we don't remember it all," he added. "In the 'Anthology' you can see the chaos we were going through. I think this is as definitive as it can be.'

Actually, the facts of the Beatles' story are well established, thanks largely to the exhaustive research of Mark Lewisohn. who uncovered the group's paper trail, interviewed hundreds of people who worked with them between the time Lennon formed the Quarry Men, in 1957, and the Beatles' breakup in 1970, and listened to all the

tapes in the Beatles' library.
These efforts yielded "The Beatles Recording Sessions" and "The Complete Beatles Chronicle," books that offered detailed accounts of the group's working life.

There are times in the series when the Beatles get the documented facts wrong yet offer a perspective that goes beyond them. Still, this is hardly their first telling of this tale. They told it in thousands of inter-

Beatles," in 1967 and 1968.

For a year, Davies interviewed the Beatiles and their friends and relatives and sat in on composing and recording sessions. But his book was published two years before the breakup. And the Beatles had bowdlerized the manuscript, tearing out indiscreet stories of life on tour.

ERE they more frank this time? "We were pretty frank." McCartney said, "but not brutally frank. I was articularly frank about the breakup. It was hard to talk about, and I realized that George and Ringo still didn't know the facts from my side. But there were one or two subjects where we thought, 'Do we really need that?' Drugs, for instance. We've all got kids now, and none of us wants, at our age, to come out and say, 'Jeez, man, those drugs were great.' "

tradictions are so vivid that the production crew — Chips Chipperfield, the producer; Geoff Wonfor, the director, and Bob Smeaton, the writer and series director have presented them as a kind of "Rashomon." "You have to tell a version of the truth," Chipperfield observed. "But, you know, the truth is transient, and it can be all over the place.

So what's in this for the Beatles? The money's not bad, but they could make even more if they accepted the \$100 million reportedly offered for a tour, a prospect McCartney called "unseemly." The spotlight that "Anthology" will throw on the Beatles might help jump-start their solo careers. But Derek Taylor, the Beatles' publicity officer on and off since 1964, offers a more poetic view: "What I want for this 'Anthology' is for people to be reminded that it did happen, that it was as big as we thought and that it was amply justified because here is the music. This was the 20th century's greatest As authorized versions go, this is re-romance."

LONDON STAGE



Howard McGillin and Caroline O'Connor in Jerry Herman's "Mack & Mabel" at the Piccadilly.

'Mack & Mabel' in Search of 'Mame'

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

man's "Mack & Mabut, is exactly what it was on we look up to see about a dozen Broadway more than 20 years actors desperately trying to fill ago: great score, pity about the

Unlike Herman's other musical classics, from "Hello Dol-sicals because they are essen-Cage aux Folles," this one has manship in a tradition that goes no original novel or play or back through Irving Berlin to movie to fall back on. Instead it George M. Cohan. Kerryson's relies on the two characters of low-budget treatment works and her survival demands. pioneer, and his star, Mabel der and Ebb. Normand. They were not an attractive pair, and there is his- uncharismatic. Neither Howard torical evidence that they were McGillin nor Caroline O'Cononly ever a love match in very nor make you want to love them limited terms.

Accordingly, the late Michael Stewart, in writing the book, and now Herman, in trying to patch it The miracle of the National up, have had to take consider- Theatre's new "Mother able biographical liberties with Courage" is that nobody in Mack and Mabel's lives, ages and general relationship, yet we used the word Brechtian. David still deep down don't really care Hare's new adaptation, like his about either of them the way we recent cared about Mame or Dolly.

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sequence of showstopping footnoting that has grown up parody of one of the greatest numbers that have no show to this half-century around the comic dramatists of the century, numbers that have no show to stop. Paul Kerryson's produclem with Jerry Her- astrously underfinanced, so that when Herman's lyrics refer to out a big set. You always need to throw money, and then a lot

more money, at Herman mu-'through "Mame" to "La tially pageants of great show-

The casting is also a little or them to love each other, and without that, all we have are

rehearsal ever seems to have "Galileo" for the Almeida, cuts through the un-As a result, we are left with a dergrowth of apparatus and

German dramatist and gives us ONDON — The prob- tion, in from Leicester, is dis- a brisk, cool version committed to no pet scholastic or political theories as to what the play bel," at the Piccadilly dozens of beautiful girls or might be about in its long-awaited London decrowds of slapstick policemen, Similarly, Discourse of the control of the Similarly, Diana Rigg in the title role takes the straight showbiz route. Recalling perhaps that Brecht once suggested either Ethel Merman or Mae

> afraid to twist the knife or tug the heartstrings as the moment ctor, Jonathan Ko has also surrounded her with some of the best character actors Dramatists' Guild. in town (we even get a fleeting visit from Michael Gough as the Very Old Colonel), so what usually becomes a one-woman

West as his perfect Broadway

casting for the lady with the

cart, she gives us a legendary

survivor of all known war, un-

show is in fact filled out with all the personalities of an epic. But precisely because she is not confined within a single thesis, Rigg's power here is imthe wars that provide her only livelihood, she is at once comic and tragic, terrific and terrible timeless belief that God only helps those who help them-

A new score by Jonathan

NIXON'S PIANO:

Reviewed by

Jonathan Yardley

Presidents and Racial

but (at the Southwark Playhouse only until Saturday) Miles Kington's "Waiting for Stoppard" has a lot going for it. Satirists have always had a tough time making that crossover. The American the-

ater is littered with flops by Ogden Nash and James Thurber, and over here we still wait the first play by Alan Coren. But Kingston's detailed knowledge of every Stoppard conceit, to-gether with his own considerable talent for expert mockery, adds up to the kind of amiable evening that might have worked for the annual dinner of the

At the Donmar Warehouse, Jonathan Harvey's "Rupert Tarantinoid, Taranteenies, Tarantinolike Street Lonely Hearts Club" is and Reservoir Pups. his fourth new play in only two years; for a writer still in his middle twenties, this is a rare strike rate, and there are already signs that Harvey wishes to escape his original typecasting as mense: Dragging her followers the feel-good writer of light, across the world in pursuit of gay soap operas. This time gay soap operas. This time there's a lot more blood on the carpet at the end of what started out a situation comedy about in her Yorkshire accent and her odd-couple London flat-sharers trying to make sense of each other's idiosyncrasies. To some selves to anything they can lay extent Harvey's people are still stereotypical: the closet gay, the one who likes to drag up, the Dove evokes Weill and Sond- certifiably mad girl downstairs, heim in equal measure, and a and the apparently normal one play whose previous history at who turns out to be as screwed the National (and indeed the up as the rest. But Harvey Barbican) had never been a writes them with such love and happy one suddenly comes to familiarity that his shaky sense brilliant British dramatic life of plotting becomes irrelevant.

Schoenberg Redux: Paris 'Moses'

By David Stevens ional Herald Tribune

ARIS - As part of an urtumn season devoted beavily to the music and iconography of Arnold Schoenberg, the Théâtre du Châtelet is presenting the completed two acts of the composer's unfinished opera 'Moses und Aron' in a musically strong, dramatically abstract production.

It would be hard to imagine a stronger contrast than between production and Peter Stein's highly mobile, chorusoriented staging of this rarely performed work a month ago in Amsterdam — a realization that will also be seen at next sunt-

mer's Salzburg Festival. Herbert Wernicke, who was responsible for everything visual at the Châtelet - stage direction, sets, costumes and lighting — leaves much to the onlooker's imagination and to the physical and vocal skills of the two artists in the title roles, Aage Haugland as the imposing giant, brooding bear of a man,

mouthpiece, Aaron, who goes too far in making the Word of God visible.

Wernicke's stage presented one basic picture. In the foreground was a veritable mountain of books at the top of which Moses sat most of the time. It was symbolic of his mountain of knowledge and perhaps also of the mountain he had to climb to get his orders from the Lord.

Looming behind that was the banal facade of what looked like a modern, low-rent apartment house, from the windows of which the chorus popped out to perform its various duties. The front row of orchestra seats was the base of operations for the male chorus of elders, who climbed on the stage to dispute with Aaron.

Moses and Aaron wore tuxedos, which set the sartorial tone the voluptuousness of the mofor a presentation that had nothing visual to remind the viewer of the Old Testament setting.

but inarticulate Moses and with voice to match, in the spo-Philip Langridge as his glib ken, or Sprechstimme, role of Moses, and Langridge, serpentine, light-footedly mobile and impressively secure in Aaron's demanding operatic tenoriz-

> Of the famous orgy around the Golden Calf, precious little was suggested for the eye some animal masks, someone waving a revolver, a fleeting, slightly ludicrous act of sodomy were among the few

> O matter, the real orgy was going on in the where Schoenberg has organized a highly complex but sen-suous orgy of tone color, and under Christoph von Dohnanyi's controlled but lyrical direction, the Philharmonia Orchestra delivered itself up to

The combined choruses of the Châtelet and the Slovak of composers of later gener-Instead there were Haugland, a Philharmonic, relieved of any very complicated stage duties. another by this musical giant.

performed their musical ones

Through Dec. 7, the corridors of the theater are the site of an exhibition devoted to an exhibition of documents, scores, photos, letters relating to the composer, with the aid of the Amold Schoenberg Institute of Los Angeles

The musical program, put on in conjunction with the Festival d'Automne, has already included a concert performance of the one-act opera "Von Heute auf Morgen," conducted by Pierre Boulez. Still to come, beginning Nov. 25, is a theater bill that includes the monodrama "Erwartung" and a ballet set to "Verklärte Nacht" by Anna

Teresa de Keersmaeker. The pianist Emanuel Ax and some of his musical friends are performing much of the chamber music in a series of concerts, and a series of midday concerts puts Schoenberg's music in juxtaposition with that ations affected in one way or

Tarantino: Saturday Night Dead

By Caryn James

EW YORK — It has been little more than a year since "Pulp Fiction" opened. Here are just a few things that have happened since then to Quentin Tarantino, the film's 32-year-old writer and director:

oming.

• The English language evolved new terms to describe his influence, including Has he worn out his welcome?

 He appeared in cameo roles in several had movies.

He directed an episode of "E.R" for

• He directed and acted in a segment of Four Rooms," an anthology movie for which he was also an executive producer. The movie was panned at the Toronto Film Festival, rejected by the New York Film Festival and scheduled for a Christmas re-

• He signed a deal to choose obscure films to be distributed by Miramax; his production company started a branch to make television commercials.

• He became the subject of three fulllength biographies, all of which will earnestly tell you he has an IQ of 160.

Finally, last week, he wore out his welcome and gave up his hipper-than-thou status by acting as host of that aging bastion of unhipness, "Saturday Night Live." It's not entirely his fault that he failed to make the show funny or alive.

But it matters that throughout the show Tarantino played off an image — the video He sang and danced to a song from the waiting to worship him before "Pulp Fickid, the geek-turned-star — that already series "Bewitched," claiming the song as tion." All anyone wants is a fresh act.



seems stale. How did so talented a director (as opposed to some flavor-of-the-month supermodel) go into overload so fast?

Tarantino responded to success by leap-ing into the dangerous role of director as pop-culture celebrity. He became part of a vicious circle of publicity, in which he fed the media and they fed him. The audience for "SNL" couldn't help feeling like a Tarantino-stuffed goose.

Paradoxically, by acting as if he really did have only 15 minutes of fame, he provoked a career backlash that didn't have to happen. With its rapid-fire braggadocio, endless television-bred references and a pretense of

without being especially likable. "Saturday Night Live" evoked the worst show refers to the Tarantino image, instead of satirizing it.

the greatest moment in television history. A "This Is Your Life" parody hauled out a character who once rented "Robocop" from Tarantino at Video Archives, the store where he famously worked as a clerk.

He played himself as the host of a parody called "Directors on Directing," in which he did nothing but ask actors playing Spike Lee, Oliver Stone and Gus Van Sant he admits, because he was an unattractive geek who couldn't get a date at Video Archives. Snooze. This entire sketch did

not get one chuckle from the audience.

The only genuine comic possibility was unrealized. As a guest on "Leg Up," a talkshow spoof, a Debbie Reynolds character suggests that she and Ann Miller star in a new Tarantino movie, "Reservoir Cats."

ARANTINO is not nearly washed up, of course. He has acted with George Clooney in a vampire movie, "From Dusk Till Dawn" (set to open in February), directed by Rodriguez from a reworked Tarantino script. He is writing the screenplay and may direct "Rum Punch," based on the Elmore Leonard novel. And there's a lot to be said not caring what anyone thinks, Tarantino's for a newly famous director lending his clout public persona has always been fascinating as producer and distributor. There are plenty of worse ways to handle fame and money. But there are better ways to manage a

of that personality, tapping into its famil-iarity and streak of adolescent humor without hinting why "Pulp Fiction" and media are "sick of me." (He might consider "Reservoir Dogs" (1992) hit moviegoers why; maybe he's just in everyone's face too like a shot of adrenaline to the heart. The much.) But he's wrong when he says critics are ready to pounce on him. No one is waiting to hate him any more than they were

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Politics From Washington Nixon's piano, as much as to Clinton By Kenneth O'Reilly. Free Press. 525 pp. \$27.50

THE title of this study of the racial attitudes and policies American presidents and of all the presidents leaves no race is drawn from an incident doubt that it is accurate. at the Gridiron Club's annual

dinner in 1970. The gentlemen of the press had completed their sophomoric skits and had turned over the stage to Richard Nixon and his vice president, Spiro Agnew. Each sat at a piano. Nixon played a medley of familiar traditional songs, but was repeatedly interrupted by Agnew, who "drowned him out a few bars into each with a economic and ideological ismanic Dixie on his piano," pro-ducing "louder and louder" sues, but in two senses it is most certainly true: Americans have laughter from the audience.

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presidency and the politics of tion's highest office with an un-colonization in Africa or elserace backwards and forwards in history.

O'Reilly believes that the Southern strategy made famous, or infamous, by Nixon in the 1972 presidential election has slaves. always been "the gut organizing principle of American pol-

This is a somewhat more dubious proposition, given that American politics must come to grips with a vast array of social. certainly true: Americans have argued over race since the When Richard Nixon founding of the Republic, and played his piano at the Gridiron their principal leaders have on-Club in 1970," Kenneth ly rarely encouraged them to do O'Reilly writes, "the perforso in sober or responsible

The record of presidential at- Johnson, but even these records ing political horror," but kept mands for full equality. his own counsel on the subject because, in his own words, "it

Two centuries later Bill Clinton, "arguably the least prejudiced of the 41 men who preceded him," won the presidency in a close election in which he played racial tunes by also true that this persistent inin effect chastising Sister Soul- ability and/or unwillingness to jah in order to establish his provide positive leadership in tough-guy bona fides with white voters.

record of presidential evasion, ever else they may be, our presopportunism, cowardice and cynicism on the matter of race is exemplars. almost unbroken. The notable exceptions, O'Reilly argues, are

titudes toward African Ameri- are tarnished; Lincoln came recans is uniformly dreary. From luctantly to his repudiation of Washington to Clinton, not a slavery clinging for a long time anything else, symbolized the single man has assumed the na- to the will-o'-the-wisp of black compromised commitment to where, and Johnson ended his equal rights and opportunities administration bitterly angry at This may seem to be a for black Americans. George black leaders who, he believed, sweeping overstatement, but Washington "saw slavery as a had betrayed him by growing O'Reilly's documentation of moral abomination and a loom-Colonization was a solution

favored by many 19th-century behooves me to prevent the presidents, presumably on the emancipation" of his own grounds that out of sight is out of mind. Some went further than that. Five of the first seven presidents owned slaves. While it is true that political leaders are rarely much better than those who elect them it is

race relations does not speak well for the men who have oc-Between these two men, the cupied the White House. Whatidents are hardly moral

Jonathan Yardley is on the Abraham Lincoln and Lyndon staff of The Washington Post.

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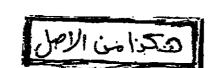
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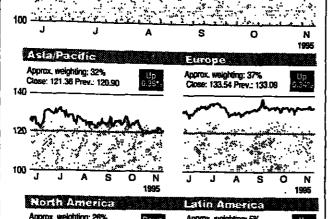
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Services	114.58	114.62	-0.03	Miscellaneous	133.48	134.45	-0.72

Daimler Has Rise In Sales

But Loss for Year Is Still Foreseen

Compiled by Our Staff Fram Departers
BONN - Daimler-Benz AG said Tuesday that sales rose 3 percent in the first nine months of 1995 and should continue to climb this year, but not enough to prevent a sharp loss.

Germany's largest conglom-erate said nine-month group sales rose to 72.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$51.13 billion), led by commercial vehicle sales at its Mercedes-Benz division and at Daimler-Benz Interservices, its financial unit.

The company did not publish profit or loss figures for the period. Full-year sales are expected to top last year's 104.1 billion DM, with all units contributing

But Daimler acknowledged that not all its problems were behind it and said the strong German currency and restruc-turing costs would mean a sharp loss this year.

The vehicle and aircraft maker had a loss of 1.56 billion DM in the first half largely because of problems at its Daimler-Benz Aerospace unit. Daimler has been working to sell off unprofitable divisions and cut aerospace jobs to help it return to profitability.

Industry analysts said the fig-ures were about in line with expectations, but that weak carsales figures raised questions about future profit growth at Mercedes-Benz, the backbone of Daimler's operations.

After falling on initial news of the sales figures, Daimler-Benz shares recovered to close at 695 marks, up 1.3 percent. Daimler is in the midst of a

massive reorganization after diversifying into a broad-based technology conglomerate. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

EU-U.S. Film War Looms

By Richard Covington

PARIS — Despite a recent thaw in relations between the European and American movie industries, the European Union is close to approving a revised initiative that could signal a renewed cultural cold front.

At stake are hundreds of millions of dollars of subsidies to be given to the European film and television industries. In addition, current legislation favoring European distributors over American distributors could be toughened.

Critics call the proposal a harbinger of a broader attempt by the European Parliament to place restrictions on the presence of foreign multimedia powers. But by setting out to hobble American companies in favor of European media concerns, U.S. industry spokesmen warn, the parliamentarians risk scaring away investors who are essential to the financing of European cinema.

"Trying to solve the problems of the European film industry by layering in intrusive regulations is like trying to legislate a great film," said Jim Gianopulos, president of Twentieth Century-Fox International, the U.S.

film concern. "It will not work."

Jack Valenti, chief lobbyist for the American film industry, appeared at a conference this month in Beaune, France, to exhort Europeans to export their films to other countries within the 15-member European Union.

"It's fine to try to penetrate the U.S. market, but why don't you try to penetrate your neighbor countries?" Mr. Valenti asked.

Under Media Plan 2, the sequel to a framework of cinema subsidies due to expire Dec. 31, the Europeans appear intent on following

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches
FRANKFURT — Germany on Tuesday approved the extradition of Nicholas Leeson to

Singapore to face charges in connection with the

Singapore has waged a nine-month battle for the extradition of the 28-year-old Briton so that he may face 11 charges of forgery and fraud

there. Barings collapsed in February under the weight of \$1.4 billion in losses caused by unau-

thorized trading in futures and options in Sin-

Gernot Broschat, a Frankfurt prosecutor, said

Mr. Valenti's advice — even at the risk of excluding major international distributors. The new rules to jump-start the European

film industry are to be published in the European Commission's official journal by the end of November and will be approved soon after that, commission officials say. They should go into effect Jan. 1.

But critics are sniping at the proposal from all sides, objecting that the new provisions threaten to sink rather than save indigenous cinema. While European filmmakers and bureaucrats are grousing that the subsidies are far too low, American studio executives warn that the plan's attempts to regulate cinema distribution and promote dubbing are doomed to costly failure.

Liberal members of the European Parliament have mounted a vociferous attack on the proposed Media Plan 2, ridiculing the \$310 million European currency unit (\$409.2 million) budget as derisory. "This is less than the subsidies the EU provides for tobacco or potatoes," said Luciana Castellina, president of the cultural commission for the European Parliament. "Surely, cinema is at least as important as potatoes to the Union.

Under the proposal, only companies with a minimum of 51 percent European ownership could qualify for distribution subsidies. This new provision has earned the ire of international distributors such as Warner Brothers Inc., Columbia Pictures, Walt Disney Co., Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp. and United International Pictures, all of which would be

excluded from the subsidy program.

'First we are accused of crowding out European films with American movies," said a U.S. industry spokesman who insisted on anonymity. "Then when we try to distribute European films, we are penalized."

According to the plan, the EU would continue to require films to be shown in three countries before they could qualify for subsidies. Distribution would be coordinated by an existing network of independent European distributors.

March after a six-day hunt.
"This is the decision that we had expected,

Singapore's investigation.

Mr. Leeson's agreement to return and Sin-

ecution or "humiliating" punishment helped

gapore's assurances that he would not face ex-

EC Institute Unveils 3-Stage **Currency Plan**

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Monetary Institute unveiled Tuesday a flexible threestage plan for introducing a single currency by 2002 that en-dorsed key German demands about the process.

The president of the institute, Lamfalussy. Alexandre stressed the need for strict budgetary discipline among countries adopting a single currency and said he shared the motivation behind a proposal launched by Germany last week to impose automatic sanctions on countries that ran large budget deficits.

But the institute's technical blueprint disappointed many private bankers, who had wanted a swifter transition to the new money. It also failed to dispel the real doubts about monetary union, chiefly whether enough European Union countries will get their deficits down in time to launch a single currency in the target year of 1999.

Those doubts were driven home Tuesday by Germany's Council of Economic Advisers, a group of five leading economic institutes, which warned that Bonn itself risked an excessive deficit.

airport — the place he was arrested in early council, said Germany's deficit was expected to hit 3.1 percent of gross domestic product in 1995, above the 3 percent ceilsaid Eberhard Kempf, Mr. Leeson's anomey in Germany. "He is prepared to go back."

Mr. Leeson originally fought extradition to Singapore but agreed last month not to fight a ing laid down in the Treaty on European Union signed in Maastricht and up from 2.6 percourt decision ordering him to return.

Mr. Leeson has pledged to cooperate with cent in 1994.

"We do not see the public structural deficit falling back Associated Press reported much in 1996," Mr. Hax said in Tuesday from Geneva.

criteria in time for the 1999 deadline and urged govern-ments to let the timetable slip before weakening the criteria.

Mr. Lamfalussy raised eyebrows in Bonn on Oct. 27 when he warned about Germany's rising deficit.

He is scheduled to deliver a

progress report on national deficits to EU finance ministers on Nov. 27, but a draft version was rejected last week by national central bank governors for being too critical, according

to EU monetary sources.
The institute's single-currency plan, which is expected to be forwarded to EU leaders at their summit meeting in Madrid on Dec. 15 and 16, confirms the three-stage approach outlined by Mr. Lamfalussy at an informal meeting of finance ministers and central bankers in Valencia, Spain on Sept. 30.
After leaders choose the

members of the currency union in early 1998, a new European central bank will be appointed and have nearly a year to put its systems in place. The second stage will begin Jan. 1, 1999, with the fixing of exchange

The final stage will occur no more than three years after the fixing of rates, when notes and coins will be introduced over a six-month period and the single Herbert Hax, the head of the currency will replace national monies for consumers.

■ World Trade Expands World trade is expected to expand by 8 percent this year, nearly three times the level of growth in global output, according to a new report by the World Trade Organization, The

In an upbeat assessment, it The council's report said it said trade would grow at a he expected Mr. Leeson to be handed over to persuade Bonn to approve the extradition, the Singapore authorities next week at Frankfurt Justice Ministry said. (Reuters, Bloomberg) ernments would meet the deficit slowly than in 1995.

MEDIA MARKETS

Cyber Era Makes Print Fade

By John Markoff New York Times Service

AN FRANCISCO — In David Talbot's view, the traditional publishing world has already begun to devolve, as "tribes" of journalists break away from newspapers and magazines to create vibrant electronic alternatives on the World Wide Web. the multimedia portion of the Internet.

The announcement last week that the television and magazine journalist Michael Kinsley would join Microsoft Corp. to create an online magazine devoted to literary and political issues was, as some see it, the most recent indication that a mainstream of digital electronic media is beginning to emerge.

This new vision will get one of its first public tests this week when the first issue of Salon, described as an interactive magazine of books, arts and ideas, makes its debut on the World Wide Web.

Mr. Talbot, a former arts and features editor at the San Francisco Examiner, has brought together a small staff of like-minded exiles from traditional paper-based publishing and some big-name financial backers, including Apple Computer Inc., Adobe Corp. and the Borders books and music chain, in an effort to reinvent the 19th-century literary salon in cyberspace.

There was a dispirited feeling at the Examiner," said Mr. Talbot, editor of Salon, who conceived the idea of an electronic literary conceived the idea of an electronic conceived the idea of an elect an opportunity to create a new journalism."

The first issue of Salon, which Mr. Talbot

co-founded in January with David Zweig, a

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former Time Inc. marketing manager who is the venture's publisher, will include an interview with the novelist John Le Carré, an essay by the feminist writer Camille Paglia and a column by Andre Braugher, star of the

television show "Homicide." Mr. Talbot said one of the principal advantages of electronic journalism was its abil-ity to take advantage of the interactivity that is part of a computerized environment such as

the World Wide Web. Salon, with a core staff of more than a halfdozen former editors and writers from the Examiner, will attempt to blend writing with keyboard "conversations" consisting of responses and commentary from its readers.

In an effort to make its on-line conversations more civilized and courteous than elsewhere on the Internet, which often features harsh exchanges, the editors of Salon will request that readers use their real names when participating in discussions.

The magazine, whose temporary home is an office overlooking San Francisco Bay shared with an architectural firm, will include comics. book and music reviews and a serialized murder mystery.

While start-up ventures such as Salon may not immediately attract much notice from the more traditional publishing world, they are a real threat in the long term to existing publishers, according to some industry analysts.

"If you're a newspaper, your most important inventory walks home every day after work

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Japan Says **Bad** Loans

collapse of Barings PLC.

gapore and Osaka.

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - Rattled at home and abroad by a series of recent missteps and failures in the banking sector, the Ministry of Finance announced Tuesday that operating profits had soared in the banking industry and said the amount of banks' bad loans outstanding was lower than it had estimated earlier.

The total amount of bad debts at the end of September was 37.4 trillion yen (\$371 billion), less than some previous estimates, the ministry said. But the amount of bad debts regarded as unrecoverable rose from previous estimates, to 18.29 trillion yen. That is the equivalent of 3.9 percent of the national economic output in

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disclosures seemed aimed at trying to reshape the Finance Ministry's image, which has been battered in recent weeks by the Daiwa Bank scandal, and to influence the

view abroad of Japanese banks.
"We can't change the criticism and opinion immediately," said Sei Nakai, a senior

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LAS VEGAS - Hollywood, Silicon Valley and Main Street converged in Las Vegas on Tuesday as Bill Gates presented his latest view of the future, a cinematic dominant form of information technology. making appointments over the Internet.

Computer executives crammed the Aladdin Hotel's 6,500-seat auditorium on the second day of the annual Comdex computer trade show to see Mr. Gates, the head of the software giant Microsoft Corp., present a short movie that showed powerful business affairs.

The film showed a woman who returned to her hometown to settle the estate of her recently deceased uncle only to become involved in a development-versus-preservation bartle. Although the film depicted an idealized, old-fashioned American town,

A notable feature of these computers was talking "assistants," moving icons in the lower-right-hand corners of the screens that el, in which on-line services would be made audible suggestions as people used programs such as word processors, spreadsheets and datebooks. The assistants, in is planning to ship test models of the derebuttal to technology companies that are such forms as a talking manual typewriter betting simple personal computers linked and a dog writing notes in an easy chair. to interactive networks will become the would suggest and help do such things as

On the townspeople's computers, the various programs were seamlessly linked. so that a word-processor document about a real-estate development would lead to a spreadsheet showing financial projections. Voice-recognition technology was used to personal computers taking active roles in allow people to speak to their computers, although the traditional keyboard and

mouse were also employed. With his film, Mr. Gates sought to answer the vision presented less dramatically

the previous day by Louis V. Gerstner Jr., the chairman of International Business Machines Corp.

but Mr. Gates has dismissed the idea that simple terminals would replace personal computers. Although he foresees networks, including the Internet, growing in popularity, he has said people would want to manage their own data and programming.

would work on a "network-centric" mod-

The debate about the direction in which computing is moving involves a desire to set standards. As Microsoft's experience has shown, a company that can set the standards for a significant part of the industry can then leverage its dominance into related areas. Microsoft's control of operating systems has given it a leading position in business programs, for example.

Compiled by One Staff From Dispatches
NEW YORK — U.S. stocks accessed by easy-to-use terminals that did fell Tuesday after several dis- buy by Hambrecht & Quist. not do much of their own computing. IBM appointing third-quarter earngovernment report showing make a bid for the carrier. UAL, The network-based view is shared by shoppers stayed away from Oracle Corp. and Sun Microsystems Inc., stores in October.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 1.09 points, to 4,871.81, erasing a gain that

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had taken the blue-chip index into record territory again. On the New York Stock Exchange, losing issues outnumbered gaining ones by a 4-to-3 ratio. The price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond fell 6/32, to 107 27/32, taking the yield up to 6.29 percent from 6.27 percent Monday.

after reporting earnings that disappointed investors. Wal-Mart lost 1/2 to 231/4, J.C. Penney fell 1/4 to 46. Woolworth fell 1/4 to 14% and Limited tumbled 1 1/8 to 1734. Further pressure on retail stocks came from the Commerce Department's report that sales fell in October for

the first time in three months. "The retail numbers were horrible," said Peter Anderson, chief investment officer at IDS

Advisory Group. The weakness in the retail sector was a sign that the economy was continuing to slow and signaled to some investors that the slump could affect

earnings of other companies. Shares in several semiconductors companies fell after Rick Whittington, an analyst at Soundview Financial Group, suggested that prices for dynamic random-access memory

chips were starting to weaken. Micron Technology fell 5 to 56%, Texas Instruments fell 1% to 601/2, and Intel dropped 2 to

Communications slipped 1/4 to 961/2 as investors took profit after the company announced a 2-for-1 stock split.

Technologies Gandalf bucked the trend, rising 1% to \$61.625.

10% after the computer networking company was rated a

USAir fell 314 to 111/s after ings reports from retailers and a United Airlines said it would not the parent of United Airlines,

rose 21/4 to 185. The U.S. budget deadlock continued to keep many investors on the sidelines

"We are being held hostage by the political posturing in Washington." said Jack Shaughnessy, research director at Advest Inc. in Hartford, Connecticut. "The market is remaining cautious until the dust (Bloomberg, AP)

3M to Spin Off Several retailing stocks fell Ailing Units and Cut 5,000 Jobs

ST. PAUL, Minnesota Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., moving to get out of its least profitable businesses will spin off its data storage and imaging systems to sharehold-ers and discontinue its audio

and video tape units. The spin-off will create the world's largest supplier of computer diskettes, data cartridges and color-proofing materials,

The steps will result in a \$600 million pretax charge in the fourth quarter and the elimination of 5,000 jobs in the next 12 months, 3M said.

The action is the largest restructuring in 3M's history and addresses persistent problems that have caused 3M shares this year to turn in their worst performance relative to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in more than 15 years.

3M said last month it was studying all facets of its business, but the decision by the usually deliberative company came sooner than most investors had expected. 3M shares closed \$2.625 higher at

United Pull-Out Raises Doubts on USAir

Very briefly:

PT Telkom Shares Gain on First Day NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Shares of PT Telekommunikasi Indonesia rose 3.5 percent in their debut on the New York Stock Exchange as part of the telecommunications company's \$1.59 billion international public offering.

The company's American depositary receipts rose to \$18.625 from their initial offering price of \$18. Each ADR is equivalent to 20 ordinary shares. In Jakarta, where the stock exchange held a special overnight trading session for Telkom, the shares rose as much as 7 percent, to 2,200 rupiah (96 cents) from 2,050 rupiah in

Analysts said the share's gains may be limited because small investors in Indonesia might try to sell their stock for a quick profit. The sale was the biggest ever by an Indonesian company. U.S. retail sales slipped 0.2 percent in October, to a seasonally

adjusted \$197.16 billion, after a revised 0.1 percent rise in BellSouth Corp. will take a charge of \$665 million in the fourth

quarter related to its plan to cut 11,000 jobs by 1998. • Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s board will lower the deposit insurance premiums that commercial banks pay to the lowest average level in the agency's history, saving the industry almost \$1 billion in 1996.

Olin Corp. is considering spinning off its defense and aerospace operations, which are expected to contribute about \$500 million to its consolidated revenue this year, to its share-

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By Don Phillips and Frank Swoboda Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The decision by United Airlines Inc. not to make a bid for USAir Inc. raises questions about the long-range future of USAir.

The chairman of United, Gerald Greenwald, said after a board meeting Monday that a study showed that a deal meeting all of United's needs was not possible. In a later message to employees, he acknowledged that "significant doubts"

among the airline's employee-owners the year before taxes.

Played a role in the outcome.

But analysts have explained in the outcome.

The chairman of USAir, Seth E. Schofield, responded that his airline was prepared to go it alone and would continue efforts to preserve its fledgling return to profitability through cost cuts and changes

in its route structure. After losing more than \$3 billion over five years. USAir has had back-to-back profitable quarters -\$112.9 million in the second quarter and \$43.1 million in the third - and has said it will be profitable for

But analysts have expressed doubts that the debt-ridden carrier can sustain the string of profits, especially given that its costs per passenger mile are the highest in

"I think they just need to buckle down and get back to the table and get an agreement that gets those unit costs down." Michael K. Lowry, president of Aviation Forecasting and Economics Inc. of Lake Oswego, Oregon. "USAir will have to do it

U.S. Budget Impasse Undercuts Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar fell Tuesday the failure of the White House and Congress to agree on a debt-limit increase led to a shutdown of so-called nonessential

government services. The U.S. currency closed at 1.4135 Deutsche marks, down from 1.4180 DM on Monday, and at 101.650 yen, down from 101.900 усп.

The dollar rose Monday after the Treasury announced bill and note auctions that would prevent the federal government from defaulting on principal and interest

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"Today we're looking at the other side of the coin," said Dennis Pettit, foreign

exchange manager at Long-Term Credit

FOREIGN EXCHANGE Bank of Japan in New York. "We've made no progress on budget negotiations, and

that's not a pretty picture' for the dollar. Republican congressional leaders convened a meeting Tuesday with White House officials to find a way of raising the \$4.9 trillion ceiling on the U.S. debt.

Market participants said they were focusing almost entirely on the budget negotiations.

"If a compromise is worked out, and the chances are 70-30 that will happen, then the dollar will go a little higher," said Karl Halligan, strategic currency trader at CIC Bank New York. If the talks fail, the dollar will fall, he and others said.

Against other major currencies, the dollar slipped to 4.8810 French francs from 4.8885 francs and to 1.1402 Swiss francs from 1.1430 francs. The pound rose to \$1.5599 from \$1.5530.

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Pechiney Will Go

To Market Alone

German 'Wise Men' Fault **High Pay and Strong Mark**

BONN — The government's council of economic experts said Tuesday it saw no likelihood of an economic recovery for Germany either this year or next because of the effect of high wages and the strong Deutsche mark on industrial output.

The independent experts, known as the "five wise men," said in their 1995 annual report that gross domestic product was unlikely to grow more than 2 percent this year, a level that would "not be enough" to reduce Germany's doubledigit unemployment. Last year, the council predicted GDP growth of 3 percent in 1995.

It attributed the lower growth figure to the appreciation of the mark against other major currencies and a round of wage increases that had exceeded rises in productivity.

Weaker-than-expected investment in construction also weighed on growth this year, the report said. In contrast, buoyant construction activity contributed significantly to last year's upswing.

The combination of high unemployment and weaker investment prevented domestic demand

from taking over from exports as the engine of growth, the council said.

'What worries us most is the unemployment and the expected fall in investment," a council member, Herbert Hax, said. He added that what investment there was would mostly be devoted to corporate reorganizations rather than to increasing production.

The report said German unemployment was likely to remain above 10 percent. The council also saw inflation rising to 2.25 percent in 1996 from 1.75 percent this year. But it detected "rays of hope" in Eastern Germany, where production rose strongly and employment increased.

The panel said the cloudy economic outlook had led it to expect little progress in reducing Germany's government budget deficit next year. A revenue shortage this year necessitated emergency cuts in spending.

On interest rates worldwide, the report said there seemed to be little room for lower long-term rates, though money-market rates might fall. (Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)

PARIS — Pechiney will be France's first state-owned company to be privatized the company is expected to without a state-appointed stable core of shareholders, the lion) for state coffers. company's chairman. Jean-

Pierre Rodier, said Tuesday. The move reflects profound changes in the functioning of French-style capitalism as it leaves the market price. aluminum and packaging gi-In addition, the company ant open to a takeover by

foreign owners. The stable shareholder pacts "serve no purpose," Mr. Rodier said.. "The only defense against takeovers is good management and keeping the stock price at the highest possible level."

ernment has sought to ensure that state-owned companies retain French majority-ownership by appointing "core" shareholders at the outset of the privatization process. These so-called novaux durs were committed to preserving their stake in the company and had to offer their shares to other core shareholders before putting them

In the past, the French gov-

By Max Berley

Special to the IHT

on the open market. The government justified the core groups by saying prevented flagship French firms from coming under foreign ownership.
On Monday, the French

it had given the green light for the Pechiney operation as its last privatization operation of 1995. The sale of the state's 55.7 percent stake in generate 5 to 6 billion francs (\$1.03 billion to \$1.23 bil-The shares will be offered

to institutional investors at 187 to 215 francs, or about 15 percent below the current

will issue 3.5 billion francs to 4 billion francs of new shares and will merge its aluminum operations with its 67 percent-owned packaging arm. Pechiney International. The сотрапу, Pechiney, will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

price and absence of core shareholders were intended to attract foreign investors but said uncertainty about aluminum prices may have prevented the French government from finding any can-didates among France's fi-nancial and industrial groups interested in committing funds to the company for the

Analysts said the low share

A Paris-based analyst said the privatization of the carmaker Renault, probably early nest year, would present a better test case of whether the government was ready to embrace "a more orthodox form government announced that of capitalism."

long term.

Exchanges In London Discussing A Merger

LONDON - The London Commodity Exchange and the London International Financial Futures Exchange said Tuesday they were discussing merging by the middle of 1996.

The merger would create the largest futures and options market in Europe by combining Europe's largest center of trading in commodity futures with the world's third-largest financial futures exchange. The commodity exchange

trades futures contracts in goods such as coffee, cocoa, sugar and grains; the financial futures exchange, known as Liffe, deals in derivative financial instruments such as interest-rate futures contracts.

"The aim will be to max imize opportunities from pooled resources in all aspects of the merged organization, including marketing, product development and systems." Liffe chairman, Jack glesworth, said.

Under the proposed merger. Liffe would acquire all of the LCE's shares at net asset value in cash or in a combination of cash and Liffe shares. The exchanges did not dis-

close a value for the transaction. A British press report said Liffe would pay £9.5 million (\$14.8 million), or £1.17 for each of the exchange's approximately 8 million shares outstanding.

A merger with Liffe would probably end the takeover bid for the LCE by the New York Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Ex-change, analysts said. That bid was put on hold this autumn after the New York Mercantile Exchange said it would bid for the other New York exchange.

Daniel Hodson, the chief executive of Liffe, said in July that the exchange had been talking with the London Commodity Exchange for some time about a partnership.

He said the two London exchanges had substantially overlapping areas of operations and that 29 of the LCE's 45 authorized floor members had a relationship with Liffe.

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Very briefly:

President Boris N. Yeltsin nominated Sergei Dubinin, a former reformist finance minister, to head Russia's central bank. Mr. Dubinin would replace Tatyana Paramonova, who was forced out after Parliament refused to confirm her appointment.

The European Commission cleared Crown Cork & Seal Co.'s \$5.2 billion purchase of CarnaudMetalbox SA, a transaction that creates the world's largest packaging company.

Poland ceded control of the state-owned Fabryka Samochodow Osobowych carmaker to Daewoo Motor Co. in an agreement said to be worth more than \$1 billion.

 Rubbermaid Inc. acquired 75 percent of Dom-Plast SA, a Polish plastics producer, in a transaction valued by the brokerage concern involved at 34.6 million zlotys (\$14 million).

Fiat SpA's Fiat Auto division had increased profitability and revenue in the first 10 months of the year but said the slowdown in the European car market was worrying; the European Automobile Manufacturers Association said the number of new cars registered in Western Europe rose 1.6 percent in October from a year earlier, but registrations in Italy fell 9 percent.

 Celatose, France's biggest maker of diapers, filed for bankruptcy, with debts of 84 million francs (\$17.2 million). The company has been hurt by competition from Procter & Gamble Co. and Kimberly-Clark Corp. of the United States.

 Bayer AG agreed to buy Monsanto Co.'s styrenics plastics business for \$580 million. Styrenics are used to make computer housings, automotive parts and construction products.

Repsol SA's net income in the first nine months rose 33 percent, to 92.15 billion pesetas (\$758 million), primarily because of an improvement in refining operations in the third quarter and continued strong chemical sales.

 BOC Group PLC's annual pretax profit jumped to £402.2 million (\$626.7 million) from £253.1 million a year earlier as the industrial gas and health care company's sales rose 8 percent, to (Bloomberg, AFP) £3.55 billion. AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFI

Italian Publisher to Close Il Mondo

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MILAN — Rizzoli Editori SpA plans to close Italy's best-selling business weekly, Il Mondo, and sell seven other periodicals as part of a restructuring plan after losing 276.2 billion lire (\$172 million) in the first half of this year, Italian newspapers reported Tuesday.

Unexpected losses, still partly unexplained, at Rizzoli contributed to the collapse of a proposed merger between Rizzoli's parent, Gemina SpA,

and Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA on Oct. 23. Officials at Rizzoli, whose most prominent publication is the Milan daily Corriere della Sera, could not be reached for comment.

The newspapers reported Tuesday that Rizzoli had failed to find a buyer for II Mondo and had

informed union representatives that the magazine would close Dec. 12.

The financial daily II Sole-24 Ore said sales of Il Mondo had fallen to 49,000 copies at the end of 1994 from 55,000 in 1991 and that the magazine had piled up losses of 7 billion lire in 1995. But the full extent of the Rizzoli losses is still

unknown. The Milan public prosecutor's office is conducting an investigation to discover whether executives at the publisher tried to hide losses in other divisions on the company's balance sheet.

According to the restructuring plan, Rizzoli Editori will sell the periodicals Bella, Bravissima, Capital, Ecco, Pratica, Quattrozampe and (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Regulators Urge More Disclosure on Derivatives

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — Financial regulators called Tuesday for increased public disclosure of trading and activities in derivatives.

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regulators' own supervisory efforts by making it possible for the general public - investors, depositors, creditors and others - to evaluate activity and performance and decide whether to invest in or do business with the companies involved.

The statement issued by the same standard of disclosure. Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions is only a recommendation as to what informa-The aim is to reinforce the tion banks and securities firms trading and derivatives activishould be divulging.

But the two supervisory committees made clear their desire to see other financial institu-

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"If provided with meaningful information, investors, depositors, creditors and counterparties can impose strong market discipline on financial institutions to manage their ties in a prudent fashion and in

objectives," the statement said. Derivatives are complex fitions and nonfinancial companancial hedging instruments wider dissemination of the innies that had "significant in that banks, brokers and their formation in the hope that volvement in trading and customers use to defray risks of greater knowledge of it will re-derivatives activities" adopt the changes in interest rates, stock sult in more prudent practices.

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The rapid growth and increasing complexity of this activity present a challenge to many parties because such activities are not routinely made public.

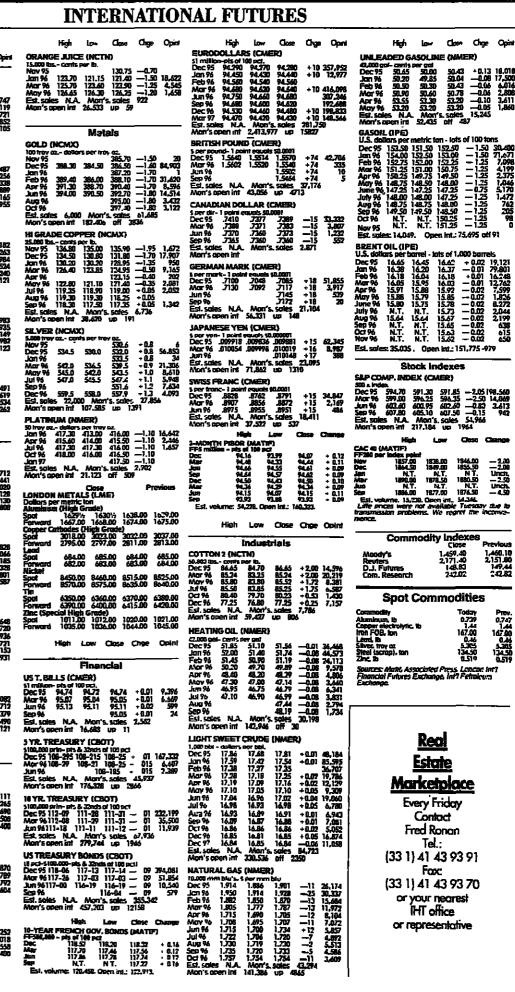
Banks and securities firms are required to report information about derivatives activities to supervisors, however. Now, the regulators are urging a greater knowledge of it will re-

Banks and securities firms are now asked "to disclose, periodically and in meaningful summary form, quantitative and qualitative information on material risks arising from their trading and derivatives activities, as well as their performance in managing these risks."

The report added that banks and securities firms also should benefit from an improved disclosure standard "by enhancing their ability to evaluate and manage their exposures to other

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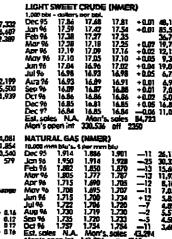
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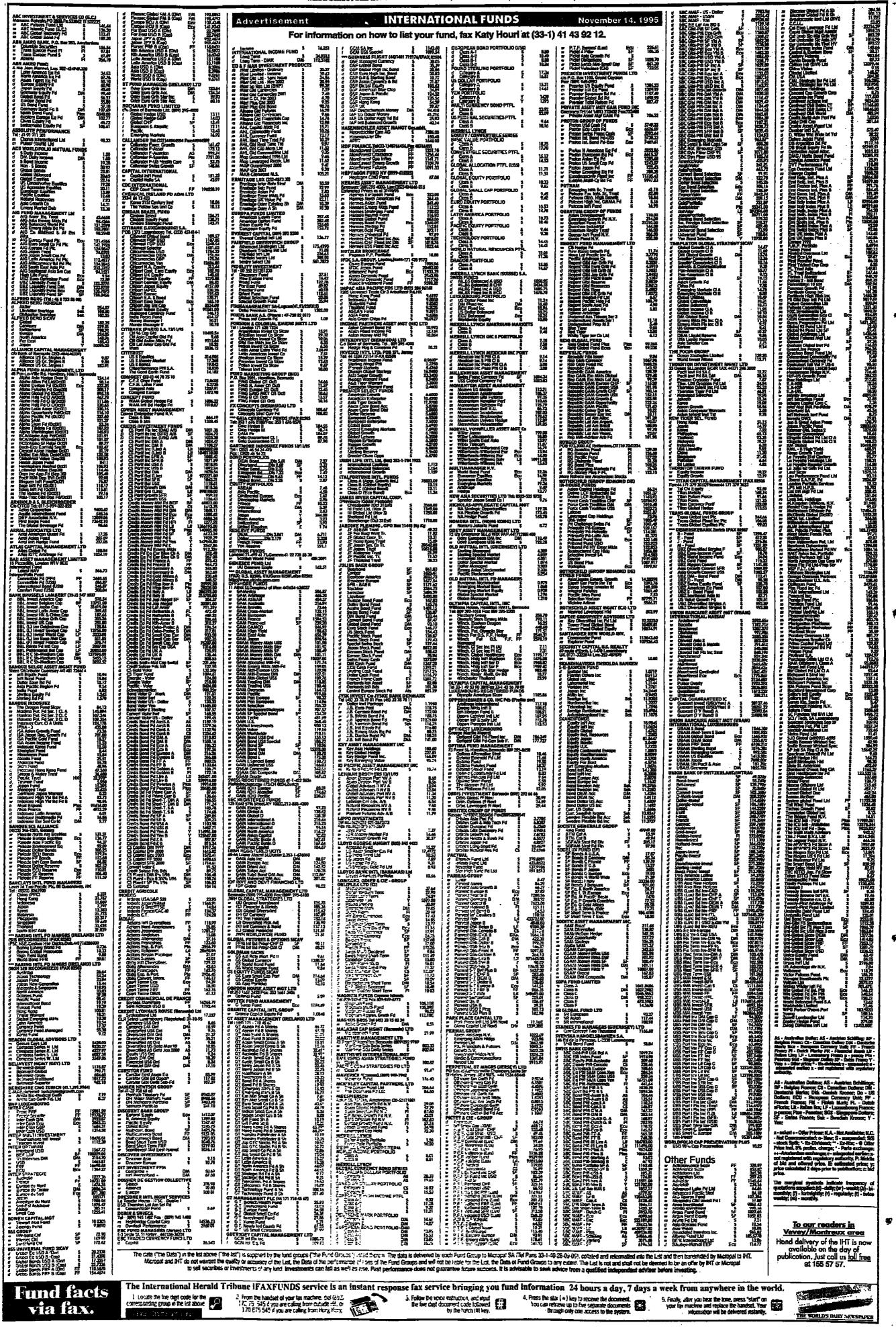
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Traveling to San Sebastián

SITTING ON THE SOFT, clean sands that rim the perfect Bay of La Concha, a visitor can easily picture a Spanish galleon reefing its full-blown sails as it enters the bay - the pearl of San Sebastián - and glides past the large sentinel rock of Santa Clara.

Donostia-San Sebastián is not a large city, with barely 180,000 inhabitants, but its history stretches so far back that the mists of time have obscured its origins; no one really knows how old it is. The sea and the mountains condition life in this Basque province of Guipúzcoa.

Only 20 kilometers from the French border, San Sebastián has not been welltreated by history. An almost obligatory crossing place between the Iberian Peninsula been the victim of various European political intrigues. In 1863, the city walls were destroyed, which in effect helped the city in its expanlast major trauma experi-1813, when the resident cuisine. French forces were under siege and the city was blockaded by the Spanish, Portuguese and British armies. Bombardments and fire, followed by a massacre, left San Sebastián with only 35 of its 600 houses still standing. The population had also been decimated, but the survivors banded together and immediately embarked on the rebuilding of their city, which eventually expanded beyond its original walls.

The city fathers found that the new construction and general expansion of San Sebastián over the years had brought them to a difficult crossroads. In one direction was an industrial future, which would involve making La Concha Bay into a trading port. Another possibility was to turn San Sebastián into a first-class tourist attraction and a business center. In the end, the advent of World War I more or less dictated the route to be taken.

Spain was a neutral country during World War I, and the delightful city of San Sebastián was one of the closest cosmopolitan centers outside the war zone. Wealthy people, aristocrats, politicians, artisans and many others escaping from the battlefield sought refuge in San Sebastian. Thus began San Sebastián's "Belle Epoque" era. Most of the social, cultural, touristic and leisure facilities that the city still enjoys were developed at that time.

San Sebastián has always attracted elite tourists. As far back as 1845, Queen Isabel Il was advised by her doctors to swim in the sea there as a cure for herpes. This set a precedent, and the royal court followed her every summer to enjoy the breeze off the Cantabrian Sea.

As successive generations of royal families kept up the tradition, San Sebastian became the political capital of Spain in summertime, and the status of its visitors considerably influenced the way the city developed. Residential areas. luxury hotels. sports facilities, and elite clubs and societies were opened in the city, which quickly became one of the most popular resorts in Eu-

The Belle Epoque began in Paris and came to an end there in 1914, but in San Sebastián it continued for another 10 years or so, to the strains of polkas, waltzes and charlestons. The fun came to an abrupt end when gambling was made illegal and the casinos were closed.

World conflicts and the Spanish Civil War all contributed to an era of stagnation, and it was not until the late 1970s and '80s that a new era in San Sebastián's fortunes brought the glow back to the city. The revival of the tourist industry was city, the capital of the swift, and even the most optimistic predictions were surpassed. People from all walks of life took the place of the European aristocracy, and tourism facilities adapted to the new clientele.

The beaches and the Bay and France, it has constantly of La Concha are still the centerpiece of this fascinating city, but the wide range of attractions also includes a horse-racing track, a casino, an international film festival, sion. Apart from that, the intriguing shopping areas and fine restaurants specialenced by the city occurred in izing in the famous Basque

Wining & Dining

It is said that man eats and drinks to live, but in Basque country the opposite is true. The enjoyment of good food and wine are considered so vital that at the turn of the century, organizations known as popular societies sprang up. These are basically gastronomic clubs, and in San Sebastián alone over 50



continue to flourish. A club is usually composed of a large dining room, a kitchen, a larder and a cellar where cider and other drinks are kept. Members meet around a dining table and taste the exquisite dishes that they themselves prepare, invariably followed by a lusty round of popular Basque songs. Membership is strictly limited to men, although the odd ladies' night is sometimes allowed. The men do the cooking, the serving and the eating. Each club has more than 150 members, and they are a prominent part of life in San Sebastián.

In such a food-loving city, it is only natural that some of the finest restaurants in the world can be found there. The two highest-rated restaurants in Spain are in Madrid and in San Sebastián. The leading Basque chef, whose restaurant bears his name, is Juan Mari Arzak. His cooking has won him a long string of international awards.

The sea and the mountains

Next Area

A Basque Welcome From The Luxury Collection

both influence the products DESIGNED AT THE BEGINNING OF this century by Charles Mewes, of the Basque kitchen. Favorite dishes include crab the architect of the Ritz hotels in Paris, London and Madrid, the casserole, baby eels with Hotel Maria Cristina in San Segarlic, hake in green sauce and bream grilled on a charbastián ranks as one of the world's grand hotels and has coal fire by street vendors on been a vital part of the social, fiesta days. Chuletas de economic and cultural developbuey, the famous beef chops, ment of the city. weigh more than half a kilo. The Hotel Maria Cristina has

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The official languages are

Spanish and Basque. French

is spoken widely, and many

young people speak English.

San Sebastián is a small

city, and visitors have no

problem in finding their way

around. The center of the city lies around the Bay of

La Concha, with the main

shopping area and restaurants spilling back inland

from it. The tourist board

San Sebastián) can provide

San Sebastián is situated

at the mouth of the Urumea

River and is flanked by the

Igueldo, Urgull and Ulia

mountains. The city has

well-kept streets and av-

enues, Parisian-style bridges, a traditional fishing

harbor, and fine beaches at

Zurriola, La Concha and

← Getting Around

Most places are within

walking distance of the cen-

ter, with the exceptions of

the Hondarribia Airport,

which is 20 kilometers out-

side the city, and the horse-

racing track, located in the

village of Lasart. In summer,

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The former winter headquarters of King Alfonso XIII of Spain, the Hotel Maria Cristina has hosted a long list of royal

families and celebrities, includ- na's recently renovated 109 ing the Queen of Bulgaria, King Farouk, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren and the famous bull fighter Antonio Ordonez, to mention just a few of the big names that have taken advantage of the luxury and comfort the hotel offers. During World War i, the hotel became a meeting place for politicians, artists, aristocrats and exiles from all over Europe.

Located in the historic center of this vibrant Basque city, the Hotel Maria Cristina has magnificent views over the Urumea River and the sea and is next to the famous Victoria Eugenia Theater, built at the same time as the hotel. The Maria Cristi-

rooms and 27 suites are sumptuously decorated in the Belle Epoque style, harmonizing perfectly with the distinguished stone building, whose facade is adomed with bas-relief sculptures. The six elegant reception rooms accommodate up to 670 for meetings or banquets, and a complete range of business services is available for traveling executives.

Guests will naturally want to sample Basque specialties while in San Sebastián, the gastronomic capital of Spain, and they can find the very best at the hotel's Easo restaurant. The hotel's Gritti Bar is a favorite gathering place for locals and visitors, who can relax with a drink to the soothing sounds of live piano music.

There is no end of recreational opportunities in this city with a mild climate, surrounded by beautiful green countryside. Guests have access to the Royal Golf Club, tennis courts, horse-racing tracks and horseback riding at the San Sebastián Royal Stables. Nearby, there are the beaches, mountains, quaint fishing villages. Biarritz, San Juan de Luz and the Grand Casino. The San Sebastián Airport is only 20 kilometers away.

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TOKYO - Sony Corp., facing shrinking profit in its core audiovisual business, said Tuesday it would begin making home-use personal computers in an alliance with the U.S.

chip-making giant Intel Corp. The two companies said they would release their first PC models in the third quarter of 1996. The move marks a major

change for Sony, which prospered in the past largely by making audiovisual equipment such as television sets and the Walkman audio cassette player. But in recent months, profit

from audiovisual products has plunged because of stiff competition and sluggish demand in some major markets, even as earnings from Sony's PC-related equipment — floppy disk drives, CD-ROM drives, displays and semiconductors — have soared.

"We will target consumers in general," a spokeswoman for Sony said. "Our goal is to de-velop a PC which can be operated as easily as a televi-

Analysts cheered Sony's recognition of a dominant trend in the electronics industry: the integration of audio, video, communications and computing technologies with PCs. which are undergoing massive an agreement with the State Insales growth in the United

States and Japan. But they said they did not expect Sony to make a quick 1996, according to a Reuters disprofit from the PC business, because price competition among PC makers was inten-billion yen (\$10 million), NEC

alliance was good news for In-tel because it would probably mean more sales of its microprocessors under Sony's popular brand name.

But for Sony, it will be hard to make money by just assembling PCs from Intel-made components," he said.

The move marks Sony's entry into the world personal com-puter market. Aside from a small number of workstation computers used in businesses, Sony has limited its computer line to making notebooks for others, including Apple Computer Inc. and

Deli Computer Corp.

"As PCs move into the home, home electronics makers who do not produce PCs are only destined to drop out of the market," said Yoshiharu Izumi, an analyst at UBS Securities.

Sony said it had not yet decided the type, price or sales and production targets for its home-use PC, but it said it might equip the model with a next-generation optical disk drive based on the digital video disk standard instead of a conventional compact-disk readonly-memory drive.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

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You Just Have to Be There Economist Tells How to Succeed in Asia

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

HONG KONG --- When James Rohwer was writing about Asia from the genteel surroundings of the London offices of The Economist, he was convinced he knew what he was doing. It turned out, he confesses now, that he did not.

"I realized within three or four months of arriving in Asia that I understood nothing about it at all," he said recently. "The same is who haven't set foot here."

After four years in Asia — three for The Economist, the weekly newsmagazine owned by Economist Newspaper Ltd., and the last as chief economist for CS First Boston Corp. — choices of fighting or collapsing. Secondly, Mr. Rohwer now seeks to share his epiphany with Western readersand to explain why Asia them gave them a stable structure. There also has become, in his words, "the miracle" of was a tremendous amount of American genfree markets and economic development in the erosity.

late 20th century.
In a new book, "Asia Rising: Why America Will Prosper as Asia's Economies Boom' (Simon & Schuster), Mr. Rohwer explores the fundamental causes of Asia's prodigious growth and suggests how the U.S. economy. and U.S. companies, can benefit.

His analysis and suggestions might trouble some readers, but that discomfort is essential. he said, if they are to grapple with the complexities of the region.

The successful companies here, he said, are not the multinationals of the United States and Europe but the great conglomerates of Asia that have been built mostly by a vast diaspora of Chinese-born business families.

In addition, his analysis downplays the role of Japan in Asia, a view that runs counter to most other judgments about growth in the region. Mr. Rohwer is emphatic that his work is not

a prescription for American companies, but he does says there is one fundamental lesson that emerges from his book. "The biggest single thing for companies to

do is to figure out how they can plug them-selves into local conditions," he said. "Mostly that means finding the right partner, someone to guide you through that maze in Asia." Yet, he cantioned, "this is very much a book of strategy more than a book on how to do it."

first, on "being open, especially in terms of trade, investment and technology transfer. Second, it is linked to not providing protection social protection, protection from competition, protection from change. And third, it is having a very small role for government. The family is central, and not government insti-

tutions, in absorbing the shock of change." Across Asia, government spending usually accounts for less than 20 percent of gross domestic product, Mr. Rohwer said, compared generally true about Western business people with Western economies in which it ranges from 30 percent to 50 percent.

He offers an explanation of this: "These countries were under threats to their survival. choices of fighting or collapsing. Secondly, America's role in the Cold War of defending was a tremendous amount of American gen-

"But far more important was the willingness to protect these countries and absorb their exports. And this was grounded in very strong family-based societies, where learning and hard work were highly valued.

"And last - and this is the thing Americans have the hardest time understanding - most places are run by highly authoritarian governments that, unlike authoritarians in Africa or the Middle East, are actually committed to the national interes

The author noted that some economies have thrived on the apparently paradoxical combination of political and social authoritarianism and market freedom.

In Mr. Rohwer's view, the countries destined to follow this example are Indonesia, which is well on the road to sustained eco-nomic growth, and Vietnam.

The great Asian failure, he argues, is India. which he says has practiced oppressive plan-ning and a cloistered approach to economic development for too long and so has been left

Driving the growth, he said, has been the multitude of Chinese families that turned small businesses into vibrant conglomerates across Asia. The World Bank estimates that this "greater China" had a gross domestic strategy more than a book on how to do it." product of \$2.5 trillion in 1990, nearly half that Mr. Rohwer said Asia's success depended, of the United States in the same year.

Merger **Proposed** In Mining

Bloomberg Business News

SYDNEY - Four Australian mining companies led by Normandy Mining Ltd. proposed a merger Tuesday to form one of the world's largest gold producers outside South Africa, with a market value of about \$3 billion Australian dollars (\$2.2 billion).

A merger of Normandy and PosGold Ltd. North Flinders Mines Ltd. and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie Ltd. would create the biggest Australian gold producer and a major international producer of zinc, copper and lead.

The merger is subject to a definitive agreement on terms by each company and to share-holder approval. "The merger will create a

single, world-class mining company with a size and financial strength necessary to compete in Australia and simultaneously expand globalthe companies said.

Under the proposal, minority shareholders in PosGold, North Flinders and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie would receive shares in Normandy Mining. Current cross-shareholdings between the companies would be eliminated. The merged entity would eventually float shares of its own.

Robert de Crespigny, chairman of Normandy Mining, would own about 3.5 percent of the merged group. He and An-thony Palmer, chairman of North Flinders Mines and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie, would be the only executive directors of the company, but nonexecutive directors from the four companies would comprise the majority of the board.

The proposal prompted the Standard & Poor's Corp. to say it would reassess PosGold's credit rating. The rating con-cern said the merger had positive implications such as giving PosGold direct access to cash flow from North Flinders and Gold Mines of Kalgoorlie and removing structural barriers to optimizing the performance of each company.

It added that the merger would expose PosGold creditors more directly to the credit risk of pany's current rating was "a reasonably likely outcome."



Very briefly:

 Bangkok Bank PLC's net profit in the third quarter rose 6.4 percent, to 4.66 billion baht (\$185.4 million), as growth of deposits outpaced new lending.

Thailand's over-the-counter market began trading Tuesday.

with shares in one property company available through brokers under the officially sanctioned Bangkok Stock Dealing Center. Sahaviriya Steel Industries PLC posted a third-quarter loss of 182.95 million baht and cited fluctuations in the foreign-exchange market and in world steel prices.

Westpac Banking Corp.'s net profit for the year ended Sept. 30 climbed 34 percent, to a record 947 million Australian dollars (\$701 million), as provisions for bad and doubtful debts dropped by more than half,

 China's exports continued to outpace imports in October, with the country's trade surplus expanding by \$1.37 billion; the surplus for the first 10 months of the year was \$17.78 billion, compared with a surplus of \$5.2 billion for all of 1994.

China's growth in spending on plant and equipment by stateowned companies slowed in October, reflecting government efforts to curb spending; investment in fixed assets by state firms in October was 107.2 billion yuan (\$12.9 billion), 20.6 percent more than in the like month a year earlier but down from growth rates of 21.8 percent in September and 31.6 percent in August. Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corp., plans to build the biggest film studio in the world outside Hollywood on a prime site

in New South Wales, the state government said. Japan remains the only active player in the Far Eastern zinc market, buying Chinese zinc for duty-free delivery in the first quarter of 1996, traders said; Japanese smelters are expected to buy a total of 50,000 tons of zinc in 1996 and have been approaching Chinese smelting companies in recent weeks to place their orders.

• The Export-Import Bank of Japan will participate in lending 11.8 billion yen (\$115.7 million) to a Vietnamese governmentfinanced cement maker, Ninh Binh Cement Co., along with three other Japanese financial institutions.

 Mitsubishi Corp. led the consortium that won a contract to the unrated Normandy group but build a new domestic terminal at Manila airport; construction of said an affirmation of the commonth and is scheduled for completion by December 1997.

(Bloomberg, AFP, AFX, Reuters)

months ended Sept. 30. They credited higher sales of minivehicles, those with engine displacements of 660 cubic centimeters or less, and cost-cutting.

TOKYO -- Suzuki Motor Corp. and Daihatsu Mo-

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the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, California.

have tried to do electronic stuff. They got it right intellectually, but in their hearts they love fiber too much. This stuff is going to siphon off the people who are azine hoped to have 15 to 25

Some analysts say publish-ing on the Internet may have the would be free for the moment,

ways been, 'Do you have \$10 million for a printing press?* said David Cole, a newspaper industry consultant in San Francisco. 'Now the question is, an ISDN telephone line?'

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ed his venture with seed money from the Internet services group at Apple, which will continue to be a sponsor of the service. He ally offer a more secure method would not disclose the amount of payment.

tor Co. said Tuesday that surging sales of a new class of subcompact cars helped them post increased profits company's history. for the first half of the current financial year. Suzuki's domestic sales have been buoyed by the The companies, which are among Japan's smaller automakers, said profit hit a four-year high in the six

popularity of its Wagon-R model. Sales of the small, boxy van have taken off amid a surge in demand for sport vehicles in Japan. The company also said it had igher exports in the period.

Small Vehicles Help First-Half Net at Suzuki and Daihatsu

thic centimeters or less, and cost-cutting.

Daihatsu said its current profit rose 9.2 percent, to with a gain of just 2.6 percent. Suzuki, Japan's leading maker of minivehicles, said

2.29 billion yen. Sales of minivehicles rose, led by the Japan during the period.

current, or pretax, profit rose 3.2 percent, to 10.3 new Move, a sports-utility vehicle unveiled in August. billion yen (\$101.1 million). Sales rose 7.2 percent, to But a drop in compact-car sales and falling exports 555.4 billion yen, the highest half-year sales in the resulted in an 8.7 percent decline in overall sales, to 315 billion yen.

'We unveiled the new Move, and that pushed our minivehicle sales up considerably." said Toshio Yoshioka, senior managing director. Sales of minivehicles in Japan rose 7 percent in the

latest six months, a Suzuki official said, compared with a gain of just 2.6 percent in total vehicle sales in

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Continued from Page 15 banking official in the Ministry of Finance. "But by repeating this kind of practice, we'd like ple's Internet venture. "We to gradually resume our trust know it's different, and we not only among the Japanese

people but among the people all over the world." The new figures — which the ministry said were based on resue, which is due to come out ports from financial institutions and local governments, not, as in previous practice, simply estimates — seemed to suggest that the debt problem was not as severe as many foreign bankers

had thought. Some foreign analysts have said bad debts could be as high as \$650 billion, but Mr. Nakai dismissed those estimates.

"They are wrong," Mr. Nakai said, "We have collected reports from all the banks and if their report is a false one, they will be subject to our penalty.' Still, the ministry's figures are unlikely to convince a skep-

tical foreign banking commu-

nity, which recently has tight-

ened credit and raised the cost of

lending to Japanese institutions.

scandal at Daiwa Bank, in which a trader in New York hid \$1.1 billion in trading losses for more than 11 years, foreign institutions have become increasingly suspicious of accounting practices at Japanese institutions. "The biggest problem is this

Partly because of the recent

concern that banks do not always disclose accurate numbers, said Paul Heaton, a financial analyst at Deutsche Bank Capital Markets (Asia) Ltd. Foreign analysts may ques-

tion the accuracy of the figures, but many analysts also agreed that the Japanese banks would probably report extremely high operating profits. The ministry released preliminary figures showing that net operating profits for the six months ended Sept. 30 at all the banks totaled \$33 billion, or nearly 50 percent

more than a year earlier. Net income for the six months, however, was \$4.6 billion, only 2.8 percent higher than in the like year-earlier period, as much of the rise in operating profits was offset by costs of disposing of bad loans.

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Greg Maddux won his fourth consecutive Cy Young award.

Maddux Wins Cy Young

BASEBALL The Atlanta Braves right-hander Greg Maddux won his unprecedented fourth consecutive National League Cy Young Award as the best pitcher in the National League. In addition to becoming the first player to win four straight Cy Young

Awards, Maddux joins Steve Carlton as the only four-time Cy Young win-The 29-year-old Maddux, who won

the Cy Young by unanimous votes Monday for the second straight year, was named on all 28 ballots cast by a panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America, including two writers from each league city.

Maddux was 19-2 this year with an

earned run average of 1.63. (Reuters) President Bill Clinton has invited the World Series champions, the Atlanta Braves, to the White House next month at a date to be set later. (AP)

Strickland Granted Delay

BASKETBALL The Trail Blazers' point guard Rod Strickland has been granted a a postponement of his court case in New York, where he faces assault charges for allegedly striking the mother of his 5-year-old son.

Strickland was arrested last week on charges of assault, menacing and harassment. He faces up to a year in jail if

The initial shock was a little overwhelming," he said of the charges. 'It's been pretty tough, but I'm pretty tough. The most important thing is my family. This doesn't affect me as much as it affects them. I've been through this before. They haven't."

Pakistan May Lose Star

CRICKET The former Pakistan captain and middle-order batsman Salim Malik is likely to miss this week's second test againt Australia because of a cut hand, the tour manager, Intikhab

Alam, said Tuesday.

Malik faced only four balls before being dismissed for zero as Pakistan capitulated on the fourth day of the first test against Australia, losing by an innings and 126 runs.

The second test starts in Hobart, Tasmania, on Friday. (Reuters)

Sampras Starts Well

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TENNIS Pete Sampras began the defense of his IBM-ATP Championship title with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Yevgeni Kafelnikov in a group match. In the same group, Boris Becker out-lasted Wayne Ferreira 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-

Thomas Muster's chances of overtaking Sampras to finish the year No. 1 shrunk after his 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 loss to Michael Chang.



Didier Deschamps playing in a European qualifying match against Poland, is on the French team for the key match against Israel on Wednesday.

ONDON - For many or most of Europe's finest soccer players, Wednesday is the most important night of the year - the last chance for their countries to qualify for the 1996 European

We should now be considering whether Jürgen Klinsmann, a German captain playmillion dollars if they win Wednesday

night.
We should warm to the passion that will pit 53,000 Portuguese against 20,000 Irish followers in Lisbon's Stadium of Light. We should question the fear, the mistrust of undisciplined genius, that makes France

contest against Israel in Caen. These players, and many others, face the ultimate challenge in life. The struggle to peak in body and mind when the need is

drop Eric Cantona and David Ginola for the

Alas, nothing that any performer achieves can mitigate the harm done to their sport by one very selfish old man. Dr. João Havelange, the chief representative of soccer, flew to Nigeria last week to pow-wow with General Sani Abacha at a time when responsible dignitaries gave that murderous place a miss.

Why was Havelange there? He said he had to go to formally apologize for his mistake in depriving Nigeria of the world youth championship earlier in the year.

He was moved, possibly for the first time in his 21-year rule over the world's most populous sport, to beg forgiveness for the error of his own autocratic ways.

They were friends in need, these two dictators. Abacha's regime was about to hang nine people who stood against them; Havelange is facing his first meaningful opposition within FIFA. Havelange invited himself to Nigeria.

He bowed before the general and admitted that FIFA acted with undue haste in removing the youth championship from the African country and taking it to Qatar.

You may recall FIFA's oscillaring reasoning at the turn of the year. How Havelange himself "misunderstood" a conversation in Saudi Arabia that led him to believe Nigeria's stadium facilities would not be completed in time.

He wrote suggesting that Nigeria withdraw from hosting the games. When Nigeria responded that its \$70 million building project was on schedule, FIFA promptly discovered the cholera and meningitis scare in Nigeria.

Dr. Havelange told his aides that he would never want on his conscience the illness or death of one young person. When ing for pride and revenge, can conquer Hris-to Stoichkov, whose Bulgars will share a sured FIFA that the epidemic was con-World Health Organization officers astainable, a third objection, security, finished off the Nigerian dream.

Qatar organized the world youth championship at three weeks' notice. And that was the happy end of the story as far as Havelange was concerned until, this fall, a serious threat to his leadership emerged. Lennart Johansson, the president of UE-

FA, Europe's soccer authority, had challenged Havelange to operate as his mandate requires through the committee structures of FIFA and not autonomously as is increasingly his wont. The European
— with African and Asian backing —
produced Vision One and Vision Two, documents calling for greater accountability, greater transparency, greater democ-

racy in the vital decisions of FIFA.
"The first person to see Vision One was the president (Havelange)," said Johansson last week. "He went through the roof!" Havelange's refusal to be reined in, his dismissal of the very notion of democratic discussion, turned Johansson's vision into a manifesto for opposition.

Last week, on his 66th birthday, young Johansson declared he would run against the almost octagenarian Havelange at the next opportunity. That, ostensibly, is 1998, but the way things are going the challenge could come at any moment.

Beleaguered, Havelange returned to Africa, whose bloc vote had helped elect him in 1974 and since. He has given to Africa: more places at the World Cup, more and more Coca-Cola-backed courses and coaching programs. He never expected to lose favor there. Yet Issa Hayatou, president of the African Football Confederation, backed Johansson's Swedish visions. Vision Two proposes a rotation of World Cups between the four continents.

Havelange, looking for friends and sup-

porters, made his move. His flight to Nigeria might never have happened had he not summarily sacked FIFA, which might have counseled otherwise.

The officers were removed, without proper consultation, by Havelange because he believed they plotted a challenge to his leadership over a year ago. He won that contest unopposed, routed the would-be opposition, and walked into the committee room with his own typed list of officials to fire and new men to hire.

TEEBLY, the executive acquiesced. But the backlash of Visions was born and Johansson, though not a naturally ambitious man, was persuaded that he alone had the credentials to oppose the overload,

'Now I have put up, I shall not go ty," Johansson said last week. "You away," know. I was given for my birthday a pair of red boxing gloves which someone sug-gested should have the name Havelange on them. But no, I write only Vision One and Vision Two.'

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Havelange went to Nigeria without a mandate, and without shame, and in return for General Abacha bestowing on him the title of Chief Havelange (the award Ekwueme means "the man who promises and delivers"). Havelange promised he will grant Nigeria the next world youth chamonship in 1997.

Very soon now he will hear that he cannot do that. It is pledged already, to Malaysia, and FIFA executive members will no longer blindly follow the aging leader.

To make a promise to Abacha, he breaks one to Malaysia. To court votes in Africa, he jeopardizes support in Asia.

The man is very old. His grip is fading. and not before time. He still is wily, still has a hold over some members. His misjudgment in Nigeria is monumental; he has alienated more Africans than he has pleased.

This week, a few hours after Chief Havelange returned from Nigeria, the Nigerian national team was forbidden to play in a four-nation tournament in South Africa, starting Saturday.

Sport, as usual, is the first mark made against tyranny. The first sanction, the first sacrifice. Soccer is presented with a choice - follow João Havelange or Nelson Man-

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times

Courier, Well-Read, Is Now Well-Balanced

By Christopher Clarey Special to the International Herald Tribun

FRANKFURT --- Jim Courier, one of the rare tennis stars who seeks to improve his mind as well as his groundstrokes, will not be reading on Wednesday when he plays Thomas Enqvist at the ATP Tour World Championship.

gray skies and gray suits. The results were not to his liking. Have you seen me with a book since then?" he askedon Monday.

Courier whipped out the work in question — "Maybe the Moon" by Armistead Maupin — in 1993, reading the novel on precedent in a sport with plenty of precedent, and it was quickly interpreted as intriguing characters. proof that Courier, once the exemplar of

his motivation along with his grip. Courier denied all this at the time ("I have never been more concentrated"), but his results spoke louder than his pursed lips. Number one in the rankings at the end of 1992, he fell to number three at the end of 1993 and number 14 at the end of 1994, suffering losses to lesser players and flirting

with an extended break from his sport. Courier is doing better now. Though this season probably will be remembered as the

and Andre Agassi, duked it out from Flinders Park to Flushing Meadows, it also punch missing on his groundstrokes. is worth remembering what Courier has accomplished. In a most Darwinian sport, he has succeeded in reversing evolution.

1994, he has won four in 1995. Most tellingly, after a mediocre June and July, he has After reaching the semifinal at the U.S. Open, he has played with purpose and enthusiasm throughout the indoor season and has earned back his place in this tournament reserved for theworld's top eight players.

Though the edge is clearly off this event because of Agassi's late withdrawal with changeovers during a round-robin loss to an injured pectoral muscle. Courier clearly Andrei Medvedev. It was a gesture without has regained his edge, and that is good news for a sport in need of sympathetic. Orange juice and lots of sex." Courier

focus and the Puritan work ethic, had lost said, when asked to explain his resurgence. Courier can be quite funny. Sarcasm is his specialty. It is also his defense mechanism, and, when all is not quite right with his world, the sarcasm turns forced and brittle.

"I think if you ask people around me, they'll tell you that I'm real zig-zaggy," he said. "I run hot and cold."

There are several reasons why he is now running hot. One is his decision to remove 10 grams of lead tape from his racket before the U.S. Open. This has allowed him year two his American peers, Pete Sampras to whip his racket through the ball more

quickly and regain some of the trademark "I knew all along, I had a problem," he

said. "We were trying to correct it, but I couldn't quite find it. I took the tape off, After failing to win a single tournament in and after three balls, I knew. I was thinking, 'Where has this been?'"

Also different surfaces and heavier balls hampionship. lifted his game in the second half of the Have slowed the indoor game. Aces remain a He has tried that before in this city of season: a time when he has faded in the past. regular occurrence, but baseline rallies regular occurrence, but baseline rallies Courier's forte — are the rule.

Finally, there is attitude. After the oncourt angst that characterized much of the past three seasons, Courier says convincngly that he feels refreshed and relaxed. Winning certainly improves one's mood, but so does maturity, and the young man who never appeared entirely comfortable in the spotlit role of number one, appears to have achieved a truce with the computer that coldly spits out the rankings each week.

'I read a good quote from Pat Riley: 'Success is never final'," Courier said."The clock is always ticking. Some-one is always working harder than you. Number two is always trying harder than number one. Maybe that's why I couldn't revel in being at the top. I was trying to get to number zero. It's not so much that I was looking behind me. When I was number one, I knew people were clawing to get there. It was more that I was trying to get better than one."

Imagine then how difficult it must have been for Courier to be reduced to trying to

get back in the top 10.
"If you ask me, Jim has been in an ongoing state of denial," said Courier's his former coach Brad Stine at this year's U.S.

For the moment, Sampras is the one trying to get to number zero, and it is Sampras, more than any other player, who has kept Courier from flying higher in 1995. They have played four times, twice in the Slams, and Courier has lost every match: a fact that surely rankles. In years gone by, that might have been enough to make his sarcasm turn brittle, but not this year in Frankfurt. "He's quite a player, no doubt." Courier



Jim Courier adopts a baseball batter's stance during practice in Frankfurt.

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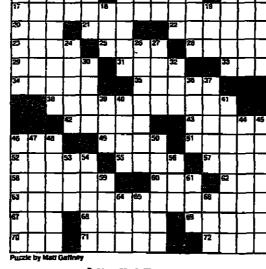
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On the Road to Baltimore Browns Derailed in Detour to Pittsburgh

The Associated Press

It's hard to imagine two cities fighting over the Cleveuntil next season, but their offense already seems to have dewinning the American Football Conference Central Division might not be far behind.

road to Baltimore, but the trail apparently does not run through the end zone - and, for the rest of the division, the path to the playoffs again leads through Pittsburgh.

"Right now, the (move) should be of no consequence to this football team," said Dana Hall, a Cleveland safety, after Pittsburgh took a two-game division lead over the Browns with a dominating 20-3 victory. "Where we play doesn't make any difference. We were playing for first place, and to play like this — it hurts.

Oh, the Browns (4-6) put up a fight against the suddenly streaking Steelers (6-4), who have won three straight to put some distance between them

and the Browns and Bengals. But by the time the Steelers rookie quarterback, Kordell Stewart, had badly upstaged his Cleveland counterpart, Eric

fighting was with words.

land Browns. They won't move get on different agendas, and it is starting to show," said Pepper Johnson, a linebacker, "The serted, and their chances of coaches see it on film, and the ugly thing is that some of the players know it, too."

But there won't be much to Yes, the Browns are on the see in this film — more penalty yards (89) than rushing yards (77) and only one Zeier secondhalf completion.

Stewart, the former Colorado University star who had been used at wide receiver, finally threw his first NFL pass Monday. Taking the snap on thirdand-goal from the two yard line in a scoreless second quarter, coverage. He promptly reversed field and ran nearly the width of the field to the left sideline, where he finally found Ernie Mills in the corner of the

end zone. Stewart proved that earlier in the drive with a 11-yard reception on a third-and-11 play, and he also carried twice for 13

By contrast, Zeier, called perhaps the most exciting rookie in Browns history by the Zeier, and Erric Pegram had team's owner, Art Modell, only

offense, the Browns' only fighting was with words.

"We have people starting to only one-for-18 in a dreadful second half that sent many of the faithful 1,000 or so Cleveland fans home early.

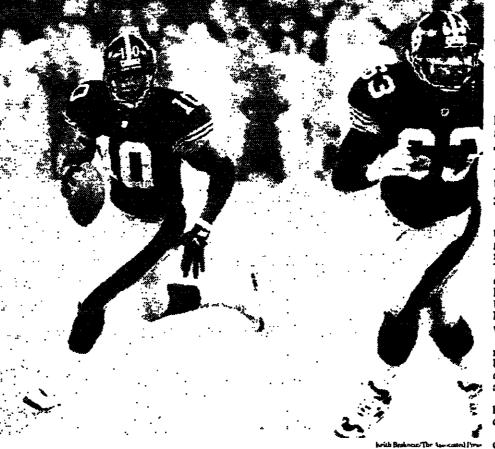
> No Solidarity by Fans Pittsburgh Steelers fans found a use for those orange armbands they were asked to wear in empathy for their Cleveland counterparts.

They used them to wave good-bye to the Cleveland Browns - maybe forever. So much for the Steelers fans' supposed sympathy for

Cleveland's loss of its beloved Browns to Baltimore, and the end to one of the NFL's great Stewart rolled to his right and rivalries. The compassion lastfound his intended receiver, ed only as long as it took the Yancey Thigpen, in double Browns to take the field for pregame warmups. B-0-0-0-0-0! The Browns-Steelers rivalry

is rare— the two cities with similar steel-town heritages are divided only by 140 miles of interstate asphalt. That's why supporters of both teams spoke beforehand of a mutual show of solidarity, perhaps wearing the armbands, as a Pittsburgh radio station suggested.

"I knew Steelers fans would never wear the Browns' colors," the Steelers tackle Justin Strzel-



Dermontti Dawson leading way to end zone for Steelers' quarterback Kordell Stewart.

CLEVELAND-Put Tyrone Hill forward on

creation than apopular actly once. It was always cold, groundswell of pro-Cleveland nasty, hateful and hostile — I

The rivalry is different," said a former Steelers tackle. Tunch Ilkin, now an NBC analyst. "I restored the run to Pittsburgh's two weeks ago, could not run, czyk said. The show of solidarity played 15 times in Cleveland,

turned out to be more media and I think the sun shined ex- here! This is great!"" nasty, hateful and hostile - I

In the end, there were two winners: the Steelers, and the loved it. I remember the first scalpers who sold \$30 face-valtime I took the field there for ue tickets for \$100 or more. It's warmups, and somebody threw not likely that Baltimore a battery at Dwight White. I said, Browns' tickets will command 'Wow, they really do hate us such a high price in Pittsburgh.

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team for violating team policy.

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Per, from Syrocuse, AHL WINNIPEG—Recoiled Jeff Finley, de

Stockton Leads Jazz Past Droopy Raptors

John Stockton scored 15 of his 29 points in the third quarter and added two late free throws

NBA ROUNDUP

that snapped a tie as the Utah Jazz defeated the slumping Toronto Raptors, 103-100. With the score 99-99, Stock-

ton hit a pair of free throws to give the Jazz the lead with 1:33 remaining in Monday's game. of two free throws to pull the Raptors within a point, but Utah's Adam Keefe made a layup for a 103-100 advantage six before Brooks capped the with 5.5 seconds to go.

Toronto's Tracy Murray give Dallas a 79-71 edge. missed a three-pointer at the buzzer, sending the expansion club to its sixth successive loss after a victory in its first game.
"It's the little things that are field, making just 26 of 94 shots.

cool at the end of the game. We with two victories.

never quit, that's one thing I'm happy with," he said.

Mavericks 94, Orizzliee 88 In Vancouver, Scott Brooks scored five of his seven points in a fourth-quarter run and Jason Kidd added 26 points as the Dallas Mavericks overcame a horrible shooting performance to defeat Vancouver.

Dallas led, 70-69, with 9:25 to play before Brooks sank a 1 three-pointer with 9:04 remaining. George McCloud and Jim Then Alvin Robertson hit one Jackson made two free throws apiece to make it 77-69.

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Bryant Reeves scored a basket to pull the Grizzlies within run with a pair of free throws to Kidd hit a pair of baskets in a

9-2 run late in the fourth quarter that put the game out of reach. Dallas shot 27.7 percent from the killing us, but we're going to be okay." Murray said.
"We've got to keep our heads
"We ve got to keep our heads Greg Anthony scored 19 for Vancouver, which has lost five



Karl Malone of the Jazz passing over Raptors' defense.

Kings Swamp the Ducks

Rewers

Wayne Gretzky and Tony tests. Granato each had a goal and two assists and Kings' goalie Jamie Storr stopped 32 shots as the Los Angeles Kings cooled off their local rivals the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, 4-2, on from the top of the right circle,

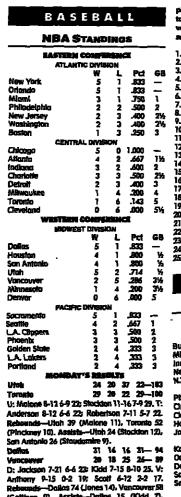
assist for Anaheim, which had

won six of their last seven con-

Gretzky's goal with 4:07 left in the second period snapped a I-1 tie and gave the Kings the lead for good.

Gretzky launched a slap shot loaday. beating the Mighty Ducks, Paul Kariya had a goal and an goalie, Guy Hebert, high to the stick side.

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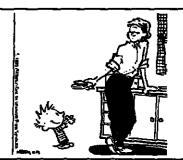
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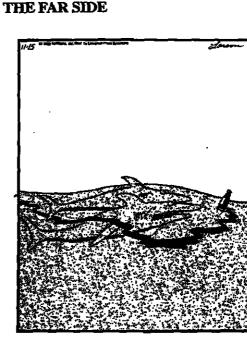


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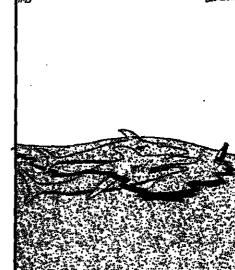
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A Fashion Mystery

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Here is a prefer Prada and Gap.

wonderful, haunting pho Again and again I tograph. It shows 31 persons grouped outside a place in New York's East Village identified on its awning as Limbo. It is probably a coffee house; what sketched on the awning.

Knowing too much would

picture filled with mysteries. Who are these people? Why do they look so freshly soaped and scrubbed? What are they doing occupying two full pages (60 and 61) in the Sunday New York Times Magazine?

Are they simply fashion models showing off the latest in expensive casual dress? Not according to the identification chart. It identifies 4 as editors, 12 as writers, 3 as poets and 2 as literary agents. The owner and manager of Limbo are also there, as well as a film producer, a curator, a photographer, a producer-arranger, a publisher, an artist and a filmmaker.

The 31st person is identified only by name, Susannah Kowal. My guess is that, if these are all either suspects or potential victims in a murder mystery. Susannah Kowal is an innocent autograph collector who crashed this party of media stars with dreams of fattening her col-

lection and is going to regret it. However, the suspicion persists that this may not be a juicy whodunit in progress, but just another scam by an unscrupulous fashion editor who will stop at nothing to make us pay outrageous prices for the right to look stylishly shabby.

This suspicion is fed by the few words of print accompanying the mysterious picture: 'Dig those crazy threads. The

beats expressed their angst in chinos and black leather jackets. Their East Village heirs

Again and again I go back looking for clues to what's going on here. There are 12 women, 19 men. Most of the men look to be the same age, between 26 and 27 years old. All the women appear looks like a coffee cup is to be 21 except for a few crones

But stay! Here is something spoil manters, however, for it is a interesting: Of those 19 men, not one is wearing a necktie. Something very suspicious here: No matter how weird a group you fall into, there are always a couple of necktie wearers.

> And only 2 of the 31 are smoking. Sinister as the group looks en masse, they are sissies. Nonsmokers. They may dress like people who live dangerously, but here they are, scarcely out of childhood most of them, and already determined to be old a

> long, long time.
>
> If they look ominous, even menacing — and they do — it is only because of the predominant blackness of their appearance. In another age we would have recoiled from those black shirts, black sweaters and black iackets as the uniform of Mussolini's thuggish blackshirts.

> And what do you know about this! These clothes are not cheap. For instance, here's a writer wearing a \$1,695 leather jacket. Do you know, friend, what writers make per annum on average? Per lifetime? \$1,102.67. This \$1.695 jacket wearer is not Tom Clancy, either.

Here's a poet wearing a \$1,320 jacket. One thousand three hundred and twenty. Dollars. A poet? Personally, I wouldn't be surprised if, when the lid blows off this thing, it turns out Su-

sannah Kowal did it. New York Times Service

Born to Buy? A Collector's Eccentric World View

By William Booth Vashington Post Service

and giddy mega-million-dollar binge but exhilarated and almost broke, or ever seen anything like this." at least monetarily challenged.

inheritance - matters not to Wolfson, who holds somewhat cosmic views on the meaning of money and its value. He is the collector's collector.

For almost three decades, Mitchell Wolfson Jr., 56, took his vast wealth and traveled the globe, obsessively, relentlessly, often in his own railway cars or aboard freighters, accumulating one of the most intriguing and personal art collections in the world.

will get to see what Micky bought, at the Wolfsonian, as he christened his new museum, in its inaugural exhibition, "Designing Modernity: The Arts of Reform and Persuasion 1885-1945." Starting next year, the exhibition will go on tour until 1999.

It is a curious and challenging show, filled with as many ideas about

mass culture, progress and propagan-da as it is with objects. On display are 258 of the more than 70,000 things Wolfson bought during his very ac-

For while other major collectors were bidding on brand-name Cézannes, van Goghs and Picassos during the art boom of the 1970s and 1980s, Wolfson, a former diplomat and current bon vivant, was hunting much more eccentric quarry.

Enormously wealthy fat cats in South Florida tend to purchase hockey teams. Wolfson bought nude paintings by Hitler's favorite artist, surrealist books, WPA mural studies, aerodynamic martini shakers. Queen Victoria's casket (unused), avantgarde purple-cushioned Dutch furni-

skyscrapers and children's puzzles depicting Italy's invasion of Abyssinia. As the museum staff rushed to pre-

MIAMI BEACH — To say that pare the Wolfsonian for its grand Micky Wolfson was "born to opening, Wolfson entertained reshop," as the popular bumper sticker potters and photographers, mugging reads, does not begin to describe one for pictures and wandering around the of the greatest buying sprees of the exhibit rooms, stopping often to exlate 20th century. His idiosyncratic claim, "Oh my, now this is incredible! I hate to be pretentious, but this left Wolfson not exhausted and broke, is really a masterpiece. Nobody has

He stands, for example, before a But the money spent — a good writing desk, bites on the stem of his chunk of his \$84 million Wometco eyeglasses, pats his little Buddhistic belly and arches a bushy eyebrow.

"This is unbelievable," he begins.

"For this is not just a beautiful And then he announces: "Nothing

here is what it seems!' Consider the Italian writing desk.

Built when there was an international embargo against Fascist Italy, the desk is not wholly constructed of steel and glass (the preferred materials of And for the first time, the public the day), but of what the Italians could get hold of. And so the piece is mostly made of aluminum and fiberglass, very unusual for the time.

It is, therefore, more than a work of art. It is desk as political statement. The desk and its designer describe a place and a time. The desk is art, but it is culture.

Wolfson elaborates: The Wolfsonian show and his warehouses filled with still-unrevealed objects focus on the role of design at the dawn of the modern age. "Design" is seen as an agent for change, for commentary, for propaganda — not only for Mussoli-ni, Hitler, Stalin and Uncle Sam (who all used eagles and hammers and machines for propaganda purposes) but also for art movements, the Czech constructivists, futurism, art moderne and the rest.

Wolfson describes the idea as "the messages that objects reveal," meaning the things he collected over the of the world from the agrarian to the sniffing around castles and baseyears are not merely great works of art by artists, but stuff - games, posters, murals, furniture, books and knickknacks from the Hindenburg that reveals how people and nations, bookshelves shaped like both democratic and totalitarian, as fascism and communism.

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The very acquisitive — and almost broke — Micky Wolfson.

viewed themselves and the rapidly changing planet.

The period during which Wolfson amassed his vast collection — and he is still buying, even as he promises his banker and accountant not to tracks the tremendous transformation industrial. Between 1885 and 1945 came the rise of mass communication (telegraphs, telephones, radios), mass transportation (steamships, trains and airplanes) and mass movements, such

For Wolfson, collecting was not a diversion, not an indulgence. It was a

child of Frances and Mitchell Wolf-

PEOPLE

tainment and information empire called Wometco, which owned movie theaters and TV stations. When his father died in 1983, Wolfson and his sister sold the company. Wolfson's share, reportedly, was \$84 million.

He was flush. As a young man, he studied European history and the liberal arts at Princeton University and then earned advanced degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington. He spent a few years with the State De-

consul in Genoa, Italy. And then he quit. Life was too short, he has told friends and reporters, to sit at boring embassy dinners.

partment, rising to the post of vice

Returning from his buying trips. Wolfson began filling up the Washington Storage Co.'s hulking 1926 deco-style building in Miami's South Beach. Crates and more crates.

The Wolfsonian is actually a converted warehouse. One day, Wolf-son's accountants explained to him that he was spending a fortune in storage. So Wolfson bought the building and spent at least \$12 million on a massive renovation. Today, the museum and research institute sports state-of-the-art security, lighting and climate control.

Wolfson still owns his collection.

which is on 10-year loan to the Wolfsonian, an institute he has almost single-handedly built and supported, but one to which he now is donating less and less money. Three million. Then 2 million last year. Now maybe a million next year.

He says it is now up to the Wolfsonian and the public to pay for the institute and the upkeep of the collifestyle. Buying was an adventure. lection. Wolfson says he is moving on. He avoided the "games" at the auction houses. Instead, he tramped in a nine-month trip around the world. He high style around Europe, eating and ticks off two dozen cities he will visit. drinking with his dealers and friends. He wants to see the rebels in Timor. The Tsing Tao beer factory in China. ments, meeting underground dealers
of Nazi art at 3 in the morning.

Wolfson was the third and last
child of Empage and Mischell Walts.

St. Catherine's Monastery in the
Sinai.

Is the still collecting, still buying?

A long pause. He turns his head, son Sr. His father was the son of a Key West merchant who built an enter-says, "Yesssesses."

POSTCARD

In New York, the Public Library Goes On Line

By Carey Goldberg New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It is not enough any-more for a library just to lend out a few million books. That is, amends Paul LeClerc, president of the New York Public Library, books are still of the essence and long will be. But with the new vistas opening in cyberspace, "We're moving away from this almost fetishistic obsession with the object itself. Now what counts is to be able to get to a thing where it resides, and technology lets you do that."

Library officials call the new \$9.5 mil-

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lion computer system introduced Tuesday electronic forefront of America's libraries, the largest information network in a public only 9 percent of which offer Internet aclibrary. Known as Leo — for Library En- cess to their patrons, library officials said. trance on Line, but with a nod to the Leo also lets people get onto the Internet library's signature lions — it includes a anonymously, allowing searchers to gather vastly upgraded new system for keeping information on illnesses or problems as track of the library's 50 million holdings. Up to now, in five branches, patrons had to use a crude computer system to find a

title; in the other 77 branches, they had to riffle through a printed book catalogue.

Now, with 221 personal computers in
child in the street," LeClerc said. stalled throughout the system, they can find logy lets you do that."

out electronically what's available in any providing every single person who uses the specifically expressed interest.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Thursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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untraceably as if they had browsed through a book in the library's great reading room. This is one of the giant first steps for

New York into a global information system accessible to the average man, woman and "What we're doing," LeClerc said, "is minus 23 minor items in which he had

system's catalogues and an array of data the Internet free (though not to get onto that seek, by virtue of policy and practice, to attenuate the development of two classes-The on-line services put New York at the the information haves and have-nots.

Latin America

TEWELS belonging to the divorced wife J of the Aga Khan, at the center of a twoweek legal battle between the couple, fetched nearly twice their estimated price at a packed auction in Geneva. Christie's said the 238 lots in the sale, cleared by a Geneva court over the Aga Khan's protests, were all sold for a total of 31.2 million Swiss francs (\$27.68 million), commission paid by the buyer included. Estimates for the

collection of Princess Salimah were around \$15 million, and experts said the dispute had clearly helped attract heightened buyer interest. The court, after initially granting the Aga Khan an injunction, finally ruled that the sale could go ahead -

The surge in popularity of cheap yet chic fashion in the past year was underlined by the 1995 winners in the Council of Fashion Designers of America awards, The New York Times reported. The Perry Ellis awards for new talent went to Marie Ann Oudejans, the stylist and designer for the trend-setting Tocca women's label, and to Kate Spade for her handbags. Tommy Hilfiger won the menswear designer award. Most items from Hilfiger, Oudejans and Spade can be had for less than \$200. Other

manitarian leadership. Suzy Menkes, the fashion editor of the International Herald Tribune, won the Eugenia Sheppard Award for excellence in fashion journalism. Princess Diana will give her version of her broken marriage to Prince Charles in an interview to be broadcast next week. Charles gave his account in a televised interview in June 1994, insisting that he had been faithful until the marriage broke

awardees included Ralph Lauren, Richard

Tyler, the design label Richard Edwards and Tom Ford. The Lifetime Achievement

award went to Hubert de Givenchy, and a

special award went to Bill Blass for hu-

friend, Camilla Parker Bowles. The BBC's one-hour broadcast on Monday evening is distilled from an interview at Diana's Kensington Palace home this month, the BBC said. Anna Nicole Smith was released from a

down. And he confirmed to his interview-

er that he had had an affair with an old



François Curiel of Christie's Geneva auctioning Princess Salimah's iewels.

in August when her multimillionaire husband, J. Howard Marshall, died at age 90. and she is battling the Marshall family over his estate. In February 1994, Smith was hospitalized after mixing prescription drugs and alcohol, the Beverly Hills police said.

Cindy Crawford and John F. Kennedy Jr. are the two people American men and women would choose as their dream date, according to a poll by Newsweek magazine. Supermodel Crawford was followed by Janet Jackson and the actress Pamela Anderson, while Kennedy was ahead of actors Denzel Washington and Brad Pitt. When the 775 respondents were asked who among a list of a dozen celebrities they would choose to have lunch with, Colin Powell came first, followed by Tom Hanks and Pope John Paul II.

Los Angeles hospital after a week's stay for mixing prescription drugs. "She has not his wife, Frances, have filed for divorce, chemistry, the \$100,000 Wolf Prize.

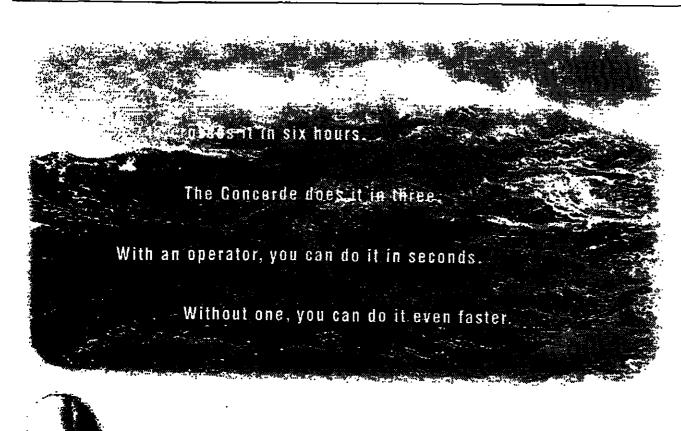
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returned to her home," a spokesman said. citing irreconcilable differences. They 'She will, instead, be convalescing at a have been married for just over two years. private location." Smith, 27, was widowed Lawrence rose to stardom in 1991 with the hit "Sticks And Stones."

> An anti-porn campaigner has called for a ban on the first British television screening of the hit movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral" because Hugh Grant swears in it, but the channel has refused to back down and bleep him. "In the first three minutes there is nothing but a stream of F-words and that cannot be justified," the media

cleanup campaigner Mary Whitehouse complained to the Independent Television Commission. But a spokesman for Channel Four Television said: 'We will not be using bleeps to cover any of the words. . . . They are editorially justified in the context

Samuel J. Danishefsky and Gilbert Stork, two Columbia University professors whose research helped develop new The country singer Tracy Lawrence and medicines, will receive Israel's top prize in



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